

Questions to Ask a Personal Injury Lawyer

Prepare for your consultation by knowing what to ask your potential personal injury attorney.

Based on Interview Questions by McCormick and Murphy

Step 1: Understand Their Experience

Inquire about the lawyer's experience specifically with personal injury cases similar to yours. Ask how many cases they've handled and their success rate.

- Look for a lawyer who specializes in your type of injury.
- Ask about their experience in court versus settlements.



Step 2: Clarify Communication and Accessibility

Determine how the lawyer and their staff will communicate with you. Ask who will be your primary point of contact and how often you can expect updates.

- Ensure you are comfortable with their communication style.
- Ask about their availability for questions and concerns.



Step 3: Discuss Fees and Costs

Understand the fee structure, typically contingency fees in personal injury cases. Ask about all potential costs, including court fees and expert witness expenses.

- Confirm that fees are contingent on winning your case.
- Ask for a clear breakdown of all associated costs.



Step 4: Evaluate Their Strategy and Approach

Ask about their proposed strategy for your case. Understand their approach to negotiation, settlement, and litigation.

- Gauge their confidence and understanding of your situation.
- Ask about their experience with the specific insurance companies involved.



Step 5: Inquire About Case Management

Ask how they manage their caseload and ensure each client receives adequate attention. Understand the timeline for your case.

- Ask about the typical duration of similar cases.
- Understand the steps involved in the legal process.



Step 6: Assess Their Resources and Support Staff

Inquire about the resources available to the firm, such as investigators, paralegals, and expert witnesses. Understand the role of support staff in your case.

- Ensure the firm has the necessary resources to handle your case effectively.
- Ask about the experience of the support staff who will assist you.



Step 7: Ask About Potential Outcomes

Discuss the potential outcomes of your case, including realistic expectations for compensation and the possibility of a less favorable result.

- Avoid lawyers who guarantee specific outcomes.
- Seek a realistic assessment of your case's strengths and weaknesses.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Questions to Ask a Personal Injury Lawyer (Infographic)

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■ Personal Injury Lawyer Interview Checklist

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Ask the right questions to find the best personal injury lawyer for your case.