

Hiring a Personal Injury Lawyer: Key Questions to Ask

Navigate your personal injury case by understanding what to ask potential legal counsel.

Based on Interview Questions by McCormick and Murphy

Initial Research: Identify Potential Lawyers

- Understand the importance of choosing the right lawyer.
- Look for lawyers specializing in personal injury.
- Consider lawyers with a proven track record.



First Contact: Schedule Consultations

- Reach out to several law firms.
- Prepare a list of questions beforehand.
- Schedule initial consultations.



Consultation - Experience & Specialization: Evaluate Lawyer's Expertise

- Ask about their experience with similar cases.
- Inquire about their specialization in personal injury law.
- Understand their success rate and case outcomes.



Consultation - Case Handling: Understand Their Approach

- Ask how they will handle your specific case.
- Inquire about their communication style and frequency.
- Determine who will be working on your case.



Consultation - Fees & Costs: Clarify Financial Arrangements

- Understand their fee structure (contingency, hourly).
- Ask about all potential costs and expenses.
- Get a clear explanation of the retainer agreement.



Consultation - Client Relationship: Assess Compatibility

- Ask about their availability and responsiveness.

- Inquire about their approach to settlement vs. trial.
- Gauge your comfort level and trust in the lawyer.



Decision Making: Compare and Choose

- Review notes from all consultations.
- Compare lawyers based on expertise, approach, and fees.
- Make an informed decision on who to hire.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this timeline:

■ Questions to Ask a Personal Injury Lawyer (Infographic)

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■ Questions to Ask a Personal Injury Lawyer (Process Flow)

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Asking the right questions is crucial for selecting the best personal injury attorney for your case.