

Hiring an Attorney: A Step-by-Step Guide

Understand the process of hiring an attorney with McCormick and Murphy.

Based on Frequently Asked Questions by McCormick and Murphy

Step 1: Initial Contact

Reach out to McCormick and Murphy to discuss your legal needs. This can be done through their website or by calling them directly.

- Be prepared to briefly explain your situation when you first contact them.



Step 2: Consultation

Schedule and attend an initial consultation. This is an opportunity for you to explain your case in detail and for the attorney to assess if they can help.

- Bring any relevant documents or evidence you have to the consultation.
- Prepare a list of questions you have about your case and the legal process.



Step 3: Attorney Assessment

The attorney will review your case and determine if it aligns with their expertise and if they believe they can achieve a successful outcome for you.



Step 4: Fee Structure Discussion

Understand the fee structure. McCormick and Murphy will explain how they charge for their services (e.g., hourly, flat fee, contingency).

- Ask for a clear explanation of all potential costs involved.



Step 5: Engagement Agreement

If both parties agree to move forward, you will sign an engagement agreement. This document outlines the scope of representation, fees, and responsibilities.

- Read the engagement agreement carefully before signing.



Step 6: Case Initiation

Once the agreement is signed, the attorney will begin working on your case, which may involve further investigation, legal research, and strategy development.



Step 7: Communication and Updates

Maintain open communication with your attorney. They will provide updates on your case's progress and discuss any significant developments.

- Respond promptly to requests for information from your attorney.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Hiring an Attorney FAQs (Infographic)

<https://storage.googleapis.com/mccormick-and-murphy-checklists-20260710-3eaad2/mccormick-and-murphy/Infographic/frequently-asked-questions-infographic.pdf>

■ McCormick & Murphy Attorney Hiring FAQs (Comparison)

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