

Questions to Ask a Personal Injury Lawyer

Prepare for your initial consultation by asking these key questions to a 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 track record in court and settlements.



Step 2: Clarify Communication and Accessibility

Determine how and how often you will communicate with your lawyer and their team. Ask who will be handling your case and who you should contact with questions.

- Understand their preferred communication methods (phone, email, etc.).
- Ask about response times for your inquiries.



Step 3: Discuss Case Strategy and Next Steps

Ask about their initial strategy for your case and what the immediate next steps will be. Understand their approach to investigation and evidence gathering.

- Inquire about their process for building a strong case.
- Ask what information they will need from you.



Step 4: Understand Fees and Costs

Clarify the fee structure (contingency, hourly, etc.) and any associated costs. Ask for a clear explanation of how legal fees and expenses are calculated and paid.

- Ensure you understand what 'contingent fee' means.
- Ask if there are any upfront costs.



Step 5: Inquire About Potential Outcomes and Timeline

Ask about the potential outcomes of your case and a realistic timeline for resolution. Understand that timelines can vary significantly.

- Be wary of lawyers who guarantee specific outcomes.
- Ask for a general idea of how long similar cases have taken.



Step 6: Ask About the Legal Team

Find out who will be working on your case besides the lead attorney. Understand the roles of paralegals, investigators, and other support staff.

- Know who your primary point of contact will be.
- Confirm the experience of the entire team.



Step 7: Seek References or Testimonials

Ask if they can provide references from past clients or if there are testimonials available. This can offer insight into their client satisfaction.

- Check online reviews and ratings.
- Ask if you can speak to a former client (with their permission).

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

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Asking the right questions ensures you find the best legal representation for your personal injury claim.