

Hiring a Personal Injury Lawyer: Key Questions to Ask

A roadmap to help you choose the right legal representation.

Based on Interview Questions by McCormick and Murphy

Initial Research: Understanding Your Needs

- Identify the type of personal injury case you have.
- Determine the severity of your injuries and damages.
- Gather initial documentation related to the incident.



Week 1: Finding Potential Lawyers

- Seek recommendations from trusted sources.
- Search online directories and bar associations.
- Look for lawyers specializing in your type of injury case.



Week 1-2: First Contact & Initial Consultations

- Schedule initial consultations with 2-3 lawyers.
- Prepare a list of questions to ask.
- Understand the lawyer's communication style.



Consultation Deep Dive: Evaluating Expertise and Experience

- Inquire about their experience with similar cases.
- Ask about their success rate and settlement history.
- Understand their approach to case strategy.



Consultation Deep Dive: Understanding Fees and Costs

- Clarify their fee structure (contingency, hourly, etc.).
- Ask about potential case costs and expenses.
- Ensure you understand what happens if you don't win.



Week 2-3: Assessing Communication and Trust

- Evaluate how well the lawyer listens to your concerns.

- Gauge their responsiveness and availability.
- Determine if you feel comfortable and trust their advice.



Week 3-4: Making Your Decision

- Compare the lawyers you consulted.
- Review retainer agreements carefully.
- Formally hire the attorney you believe is the best fit.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this timeline:

■ Questions to Ask a Personal Injury Lawyer

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■ Personal Injury Lawyer Englewood: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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