

Consumer Report

The **5**

Critical Questions to Ask BEFORE Hiring

a Personal Injury Attorney

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Why This Decision Is So Important

Hiring the right personal injury attorney can be one of the most important decisions you make.

More often than not, suffering an injury because of the carelessness or neglect of another person is stressful and frightening. The injury can be life-changing. You may be worried about how you'll pay your bills and support yourself and your family. Because you are putting your faith, trust, and even your livelihood in the hands of your attorney, it is essential that you choose the right one.

When you make the right decision, you will save a lot of time, money, and energy. You and your loved ones will experience the freedom of knowing that you are going to get the best representation, and you can actually rest easy knowing that someone has your best interests in mind.

Alternatively, if you choose to hire the wrong attorney, your troubles have only just begun. We cannot begin to tell you how many horror stories we have heard from well-meaning people like you who hired a "fly by night" firm or used some random lawyer they found online. In an attempt to save a few bucks, they end up losing out in the long run.



The 5 questions in this report outline what to look for in an attorney who specializes in personal injury. Use them as your guide to navigate your options and to choose carefully. Above all, use the questions to show you who will give you the specialized attention that you or your family member deserve.

***Every case is different.
Every person requires special attention.***

Sadly, the persistent (and even offensive) advertising from many law firms often leaves you, the consumer, with a loss as to where to go to find good, competent help.

That's why we wrote this Special Report for you.

First, we understand that you are in a time in your life where you need competent help.

Second, we know that you are looking to make the right decision.

Third, we know that you are busy and do not have "all day" to figure this stuff out.

This Special Report will arm you with the right information to make the best decision when it comes to your personal injury needs. If, after reading the Special Report, you find that our firm meets your needs, that's great. We would be glad to help. However, if you choose to find another law firm (and you base that decision on what you read here), we will still have accomplished our mission. That's because we truly understand your situation, we do care about you, and (more than anything) we want you to find a firm that meets your specific needs.

So, let's get started.

Here are the 5 things you must ask an attorney before choosing to work with them for your personal injury needs.



Question #1

Are you qualified to help with my particular personal injury case?
Not all cases are created equal...and I want to know that you have experience with my type of case.

Why is this so important?

Simple: there are many lawyers who may be qualified to help you with a few of the personal injury cases that arise. However, what you really want is someone who is familiar with helping people like you and who has handled cases like yours. Personal injury cases can be complex, and the kinds of cases vary. Cases involving car accidents, for example, often require the expertise of medical and accident reconstruction professionals, so our firm has established a network of these experts to assist us during this type of case.

Ask a prospective attorney about their experience handling cases like yours. Ask for some examples of cases similar to yours that they have handled successfully. If they can't show you that they have experience handling these types of cases successfully, it's time to move on.

Question #2

Is timely service delivered...and how is it delivered?
How long can I expect to wait?

When dealing with your personal injury needs, the last thing you want is to be treated like a number. You want specialized, personal care...and you want it fast! You want someone who cares about you and your family. And, more than anything, you want a firm with the expertise to get the job done right.

With many "big box" firms (and even some small ones), it can take weeks to get an appointment. And then your case file may get lost in the shuffle of their really big cases, or you may just get sent off to a clerk, and your care suffers as a result. Most firms will promise timely service, but many don't deliver. Be sure to ask them exactly what you can expect. Ask how long the service will last. Ask them how long until you can expect to be seen and how long it will take for action on your case.

If you miss this question, it could be months before you realize you hired the wrong attorney.

Question #3

Are you a member of the any local, state, or federal bar associations?

These associations are a critical aspect of professional growth, giving attorneys the latest news about legal issues and providing a collaborative environment for their members to succeed in the field of personal injury law.

If an attorney says they work in personal injury law, but they are not listed with these associations, there is a reason why. And that reason spells trouble for you and your case if you choose to work with them.

Question #4

Is your practice focused on personal injury?

Be sure to find an attorney who: works with personal injury cases on a regular basis, is highly qualified, and (this is important) is dedicated in their personal injury work. Ask a prospective attorney how often

they handle personal injury cases and how much of their practice is dedicated to personal injury law.

A lot of attorneys handle a wide variety of cases. That's fine...but when it comes to your personal injury claim, doesn't it make sense to have someone on board who focuses on personal injury law?



Question #5

Who will I be interacting with at your firm?

This last question could be the most important one you ask. Many law firms will shove you off to work with a clerk for weeks on end, and you may only get one meeting (if that) from the actual attorney.

The fact is, you want to find a firm where the attorney has set aside time to get to know you and to work with you personally, 1-on-1. While every firm will have clerks and assistants doing work on your case, you still want to get face-to-face, real access to your attorney. There is nothing like it.

That's why we always make it a point to get to know our clients as people.

Not only does this help them, but it also greatly assists our team in getting them the service that they deserve.

Summary

When considering an attorney who specializes in personal injury law, be sure that you ask ALL of the 5 questions above. How an attorney answers these questions will tell you a lot about how they will handle your needs.

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Don't be afraid to ask these 5 questions. From experience, our firm never has a problem when a prospective client asks us questions like the ones above (or others).

In fact, not only are we confident that we meet all 5 of the qualifications above, we are also glad to discuss these questions because it tells us that the person is serious about finding the right lawyer.

If you want to fast-track the process and are looking for a firm that is competent in pursuing your personal injury claim, a firm that holds to the highest ethical standards, and that cares deeply for the your needs and concerns, then please give us a call. There's no obligation and no fine print, and the consultation is free. From experience, we know that no firm will serve you better. But we'll let you be the judge of that.

To get your specific questions answered, call the number below. We look forward to helping you or your loved one move through this stage of life.



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