

7 Things To Ask To Make Sure Your Attorney Is Right For You

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Whatever legal issue you face, finding the right attorney to represent you is critically important — and ***asking the right questions of your potential lawyer is the only way to ensure that you find the best representation for your case.*** At the [Law Office of David Pedrazas](#), we encourage our potential clients to take advantage of our free law consultations.

7 Questions to Ask At Your Consultation

- **What kinds of cases do you usually handle? Have you handled a case similar to mine before?**

While many lawyers operate within a range of practice areas, you will want to be certain that your lawyer has ample background in the practice area related to your case. ***You will also want to find out how your attorney has performed in cases like yours in the past.*** Your attorney should be able to share with you their track record on cases similar to yours, including the percentage of cases won or settled out of court.

- **How long have you been practicing law? Who else is on your team and what are their backgrounds?**

Knowing the background of your lawyer will help you understand their level of expertise in the area of law that your case concerns. As your lawyer will almost certainly have a team that includes other lawyers or paralegals, ***you should also ask about the backgrounds of the other professionals who will be working on your case.***

- **What will the fees and costs be?**

Your lawyer should be able to outline their cost structure for you before you engage them in representation, as ***there are different types of fee structures that can be used:***

1. Hourly basis
2. Fixed fee
3. Contingency fee (in which your lawyer will get paid a percentage of any monetary settlement)

Expenses are also important to discuss, as the lawyer's costs in preparing your case are typically included in the final bill.

- **Is there an alternative way to resolve my legal problem without going to court?**

Your attorney should be able to discuss alternate ways to resolve your legal issue out of court. ***Depending on the nature of your case, mediation or arbitration may be appropriate*** and allow you to avoid a lengthy trial.

- **What strategy will you take in regards to my case?**

Many cases have multiple possible approaches to take. Your lawyer should be able to suggest several ways to proceed, with the pros and cons for each.

- **What are the possible outcomes that I can expect?**

No lawyer can guarantee a particular result. However, an attorney who has background in the area of law that your case deals with should be able to give you a sense of what they expect the outcome to be.

- **How will we stay in touch as my case progresses?**

Open communication between yourself and your lawyer will be key, both to stay abreast of updates in your case and to remain informed about important dates. Make sure to ***ask your lawyer how often you should expect to receive updates from him.***

You Have Questions. We Have Answers.

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