

**“Consumer’s Guide to Hiring the
Right Personal Injury or Criminal
Defense Attorney”**



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There are 5 important questions you need to consider before you hire an attorney. The selection of a right personal injury or criminal defense attorney is not an easy process and it requires asking the right questions to pick the right attorney for your situation. Below are some of the questions you should ask during the selection process.

Question # 1 How will you be handling the details of the case?

Ask the attorney if you will have access to him or her outside of trial. Be aware of the team based approach, the firm will give you a free consultation, take your money and then an associate meets you in court and you only deal with secretaries when you're not in court. Make sure the attorney you hire will be with you throughout the process, from beginning to end. You can't get the attention required from a team; attorneys refer you to their secretaries when they are not in the court. In the personal injury trial it is important that the personal injury attorney participates from beginning to end.



Question # 2 How many cases like mine have you handled?

Not all attorneys have extensive experience in a particular field. It is important to ask the attorney during the interview process if he or she has dealt with cases similar to yours. If he or she has, they will be better able to foresee potential problems with your case and head them off. This will put you in a better place to win your case.

Question # 3 How much trial experience do you have?

Many personal injury and criminal defense cases are resolved outside of court. It is important to plan ahead. When push comes to shove, if the case cannot resolve outside of court you must go to trial. You want to make sure your attorney has litigation or trial experience in your particular situation. It can mean the difference between winning or losing your case.



Question # 4 What is your communication policy with the client? How quickly will you return my calls?

Your attorney is obligated to keep regular follow up and negotiation connected with your case. There are many attorneys who get busy and do not respond back to you regularly after the acceptance of an agreement. They keep themselves busy in their own activities and ask their secretaries to communicate with you. So, a careful analysis before the agreement and contract is necessary to make sure you have hired a responsible and committed attorney. And it is also your responsibility to decide the fix time for a call or meeting for feedback. Do not hesitate to ask if you feel any ambiguity and doubt because you are going to spend a lot of time, effort and money.



Question # 5 Have you ever worked for the opposing side?

In the personal injury legal field a plaintiff attorney who has previously worked for the insurance company often has information and knowledge about how the insurance companies evaluate and defend a personal injury claim. Retaining an attorney who previously performed defense litigation for an insurance company often helps the attorney to be able to effectively litigate your case.

Likewise, in the field of criminal law, a criminal defense attorney who has previously worked as a prosecutor often has information and knowledge about how the state attorney's office will evaluate and prosecute your case. This knowledge of the opposing side often helps a criminal defense attorney to effectively defend your rights.

While meeting all attorneys, try to pay more attention to the specialization and experience of the attorney in similar cases to yours. Ask him or her about their professional experience, skills and background. After assessing experience and professionalism of an attorney, the following assessment case questions should be asked to make the selection process of a specific attorney more effective:

- How do you deal with personal injury cases?
- What is your approach towards handling injury cases such as mine?
- How will you handle my case, as an arbitrator or mediator?

- Will you handle my case successfully with expected outcomes?
- Will you handle it personally or is there any team based approach in your firm?
- Will you communicate and negotiate completely in the process?
- Can I expect full involvement of you in the case, from beginning to end?
- How fast will you respond to me and through which medium?
- How would you like to get paid if I win or lose the case?
- Do I owe you money if I lose the case?
- Can you tell me your total estimated charges for the complete process?

After asking all necessary questions for assessment, select an attorney with the best win-win situation. This situation is ideal and works in the favor of both parties involved.

The information in this free report was brought to you by The Law Offices of Keith Bregoff specializing in personal injury cases and criminal defense. He services Vero Beach and Stuart Florida and all of the Treasure Coast.

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Through these diverse experiences, Mr. Bregoff has developed a foundation of knowledge from both the defense and prosecution sides of the courtroom. Whether you've been injured in an accident or charged with a crime, let Attorney Keith Bregoff put his knowledge of the opposing side to work for you!

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