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Checklist:

The **Top 13 Questions to Ask**
When Selecting the ***RIGHT***
Personal Injury Attorney
For You



Name of Personal Injury Attorney:

QUESTIONS TO ASK	NOTES
<p>1. Who conducts the site investigation if one is required? Note: It should be the lead attorney.</p>	
<p>2. How will we communicate? Note: If a lawyer is not willing to include texting as a means of communicating with a client, it may mean the lawyer is not willing to use current technologies and processes in your case. In today's world, a lawyer should be routinely using Facebook and other social media to investigate your case.</p>	
<p>3. What is the largest personal injury recovery that you obtained for a client? Note: Regardless if your case is large or small, if you want an experienced trial lawyer, you want a lawyer who has had multi-million dollar case recoveries.</p>	
<p>4. Has the lawyer tried a case to a jury in the last year? Note: If a lawyer has not tried cases recently, more than likely the lawyer does not have a reputation of trying cases. A solid reputation of trying cases leads to higher settlements even in cases that are not tried.</p>	
<p>5. When will you value my case?</p>	
<p> Red Flag: A lawyer who values a case before the lawyer has all of the information concerning a case may only be trying to get your case in the door and may not have your best interests in mind.</p>	
<p>6. How will you evaluate my case?</p>	
<p>7. What are the likely outcomes in my case?</p>	

8. What will the fees and expenses be for my case?	
 Red Flag: Is the attorney forthright discussing their fees and expenses?	
9. Are there alternatives to a trial?	
10. How long will my case take to complete?	
 Red Flag: A lawyer cannot predict what the future holds for any given case because there are too many unknowns in the early stages of a case.	
11. What is my role in case preparation? Note: A lawyer is not being forthright with you if the lawyer tells you that all you have to do is make "One Call." A client should be involved in getting information to the lawyer, in discussing the case with the lawyer and in making key decisions in a case.	
12. What happens to the expenses if the case is lost? Note: It is important to understand whether or not you will be held responsible for the expenses related to your case if the case is lost.	
13. How long has this lawyer been handling personal injury cases?	

After asking these questions, you should feel comfortable with the lawyer that you will be working with on your case.

Do you trust this person?