

HOW TO CHOOSE THE DIVORCE ATTORNEY THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

10 TIPS

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Use your network for references to attorneys with a good reputation.

Use your network to obtain references for divorce attorneys that fit the qualifications you desire. Ask friends, family, co-workers and other professionals in your network for the names of divorce attorneys with a good reputation. Most other business professionals would have the names of trustworthy attorneys.

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Make sure they specialize in Family Law in the state you reside.

There is a lot at stake with parenting time, and your financial future riding on the outcome of your divorce. Make sure that the divorce attorney you choose specializes ONLY in family law. You don't want an attorney that is distracted by other types of litigation, you want someone that understands family legal matters in the state you reside. Insist upon a law firm that specializes in family law, and ask how long they have been practicing in your area.

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Ask about their experience with cases like yours.

If your main concern is time with the children, make sure your attorney has experience in negotiating child custody cases. Ask if they know the judge, or if they have experience in negotiating cases like yours. An experienced attorney will know how to negotiate whenever possible and litigate on your behalf when you need it.

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Ask if there are any judges they are not comfortable in front of.

Some attorneys prefer not to go to trial, and settle everything. If it does go to trial, some attorneys will bow out and let another lawyer in their firm take over. You may want to know what will happen if you cannot reach a settlement agreement, and your case goes to trial.

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Ask if they know the opposing attorney if your spouse has already retained their lawyer.

Ask if they know the opposing attorney and if they have worked together in the past. If they know each other they may be better suited to work together towards an amicable settlement, or they may know how that lawyer will handle the case.



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Ask how many of their divorce cases have gone to trial, and what the outcome of those cases were.

An experienced attorney will have had experience with most of the judges that would handle your case. It would be best to know if there would be a conflict with a judge that could make your case difficult prior to hiring your divorce lawyer.

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Know their billing practices.

Don't get caught by surprise and not be able to keep your divorce lawyer mid-way through the process due to financial reasons. Understand the billing practices before hiring your attorney and know what the fees include. Will you be charged for every phone call? Do they require a retainer? Understanding your attorney's billing practices will prevent disputes later. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

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Feel comfortable in communicating.

It is important to feel comfortable with the divorce attorney that you hire and to have a good rapport with easy communication. Going through a divorce is a personal thing and you will share personal and private details throughout the process. Your attorney should make you feel more at ease when discussing your case, if they do not that is probably not the right attorney for you.

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Ask how you will communicate.

Make sure you know if you can email, text or contact your attorney via their cell phone. Ask them how they prefer to communicate, and how you will be charged for communication. Ask them what you should do in case of emergency if they are unavailable.

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Ask how long the entire divorce process should take.

They should be able to give you an estimated timeline for your divorce, based on the facts that you provide. The more areas that can be worked out during mediation the quicker the process will go. It is usually a minimum of six months from the time of filing to the final court hearing, although a number of factors could prolong that date.





Why Anderson Boback & Marshall

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The law firm of Anderson Boback & Marshall knows how emotionally draining and stressful it is to go through a divorce, child custody dispute, adoption process and many more family-related legal matters. Our law firm keeps an open line of communication with our clients at all times. When you need an advocate to represent your rights and best interests, fighting for what you are entitled to, contact Anderson Boback & Marshall, the only call you need to make to find the right divorce attorney for you.

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