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NINE TIPS FOR FINDING A PERSONAL INJURY LAWYER



Personal injury lawyers exist to assist you. When seeking a personal injury lawyer, there are certain things you'll need to look out for.

Ensure you do as much research as possible and don't choose the first lawyer you come across.

It can be a time consuming process however it's imperative you follow the below advice when choosing your own personal injury lawyer.

1. Know what to look for

There are certain things you'll need to be aware of when choosing your personal injury lawyer. Once you've addressed the below points you should have all the information you need to move forward with confidence however keep these things in mind.

- Accessibility – are they easy to speak with when you need them
- Do they have the ability to adequately represent you
- Do they explain complex legal terms and all aspects of the case as it progresses
- Are they proactive and attentive to your requests

2. Identify the type of lawyer you need

Understand there are many types of lawyers with unique specialities and experience. Find out exactly the type of lawyer you need for your particular case before you start contacting firms. This will save you a lot of time.

3. Consult colleagues, family and friends

Those closest to you will often be able to recommend lawyers in your area they have come into contact with previously. You'll be able to ask them plenty of questions before you make your choice to ensure you're making the right one.

4. Understand what you should avoid

There are certain attributes to steer clear of when deciding on who best to represent you. If someone is promising unrealistic monetary guarantees, this is certainly something you should avoid.

If you're constantly following up with someone or they treat you badly, in any way, this is obviously not someone you can trust to handle your case effectively. Additionally if your lawyer doesn't explain proceedings or provide information, this is a clear red flag.

5. Learn about the lawyer

If you have a list of preferred lawyers ready to go, it's important to find out as much as you can about each. Research any previous cases they've worked on and find out if any complaints have been filed against them.

6. Prepare a list of questions

No matter how prepared you are, it's important to create a list of questions. The responses will ensure the decision making process is made easier and you have all the information you need to proceed.

Questions such as the below could be useful:

- Do you know how long my case will take?
- Are you the sole lawyer working on my case?
- How do no win no fee lawyers work?

7. Use free initial consultations where possible

Most personal injury lawyers will offer a free initial consultation to get a feel for your case and exactly what you might need. Make the most of this offer as the time you get will give you the chance to ask questions, get to know the lawyer and put the above tips into practice.

8. Choose someone you feel will do the best job

It goes without saying you should choose someone who is an expert in personal injury law and who you feel comfortable talking to. Don't choose a lawyer you have not spoken to personally. You need a lawyer who will make the time to talk to you and answer your questions.

9. Personality matters

Often the most overlooked factor in hiring an attorney is personality. While you may not be discussing your case together over dinner, when you've been injured the last thing you need is an attorney who is not going to be there for you to ask questions, give you a status on your case or return your calls in a reasonable time.

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