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# Attorney Questions

General questions to ask your attorney:

1. **What percentage of your practice is focused on family law or divorce?**
   You want someone who handles divorce matters regularly, not occasionally.

2. **How many years have you been practicing in family law?** (Answer should be at least 5 years)
   Experience matters — especially when it comes to anticipating strategy and courtroom dynamics.

3. **What is your approach to resolution? Do you prefer negotiation, mediation, or litigation?**
   This helps you understand whether their style aligns with your goals.

4. **What types of divorce matters make up the majority of your practice?**
   Attorneys often develop deeper experience in certain areas. Understanding their focus helps ensure their background aligns with the needs and complexity of your case.

5. **How do you feel about working collaboratively with other professionals (mediators, financial analysts, therapists)?** Divorce is multidisciplinary. A team-oriented attorney often leads to smoother outcomes.

6. **What percentage of your cases go to trial?**
   If you expect a contested process, you'll want someone comfortable in court. If not, trial experience may be less critical.

7. **How do you approach cases involving children? What has worked well in your experience?**
   If custody is involved, you want clarity on philosophy and practical outcomes.

8. **Are you involved in any family law organizations or professional committees?**
   Active involvement often signals commitment to staying current on developments in the field.

9. **What credentials or specialized training do you hold in family law?**
   This helps you gauge depth of expertise.

10. **What does your retainer agreement look like? Can you walk me through your billing structure?**
    You should understand fee expectations, communication policies, and how work is delegated.

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11. **How will communication be handled? Will paralegals or associates be involved?**
    Clarity here helps avoid surprises on billing and responsiveness.

12. **How is work typically delegated in your office? What tasks are handled by you versus a paralegal or associate?**
    Efficient delegation can reduce costs while maintaining quality representation. Understanding how your case will be staffed helps you manage expectations around billing and responsiveness.

13. **Based on what you know so far, what is a realistic timeline for a case like this?**
    Understanding expected duration helps you plan financially and emotionally, and sets realistic expectations from the start.

14. **Can you give me a general cost range for cases similar to mine, and what factors typically drive that number up or down?**
    Cost in divorce is often driven by conflict level, complexity of assets, and communication style. Knowing the drivers helps you stay proactive and efficient.

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