

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.