

FAITH, FINANCES AND YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE

Guidance in Selecting Professionals:

Questions to ask when interviewing and hiring a lawyer:

1. What is the charge for **consultations**? Is there any **charge** for a 30 minute consultation to see if he/she can help with your matter?
2. Does the Attorney work in the area that you are seeking with **frequency**? The Attorney's associates?
3. Would you be **working with the Attorney or an associate** or both, and how would the Attorney remain involved?
4. What is the **fee for the service** you have in mind or that you may need? Is that hourly or a flat fee? What is the **estimate** if an hourly fee? When does the attorney send a **Fee Agreement** for you to review and sign? Is a **retainer** or initial payment requested?
5. What is the **deliverable – the actual service** – a document, an estate plan, the filing of a suit, the review of an agreement?
6. What is the **turn around time** for seeing a result in the service?
7. Does the Attorney's office work by **email** – pretty backwards if they do not in 2006 and beyond?

Other:

8. Does the Attorney handle **related areas of concern to you**, such as probate of estates, real estate, business law areas?



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