



WHAT TO ASK BEFORE HIRING A DIVORCE ATTORNEY

How long have you been an attorney?

How much of your practice is devoted exclusively to family law?

What is your hourly rate?

What is the charge for the initial consultation?

Will anyone other than yourself be working on my case with you, if so, what is their professional experience and hourly rate?

What involvement will the associate and/or paralegal have in my case?

What is the retainer amount?

If any of it is unused, will it be refunded?

What is the likely fee range for the case, given the facts?

Can you give me a timeline as far as significant events and how long it will take before my divorce is final?

What is the likelihood of settlement versus trial?

Will I be responsible for some or all of my spouse's attorneys' fees?

Given the facts of my case as I have disclosed to you, in your opinion, what is the best most likely outcome that I can expect from the divorce process?