

5 Important Qualifications to Look for in a Medical Malpractice Lawyer

A successful Medical Malpractice Lawyer is experienced in a niche field, compassionate, aggressive, as well as well versed in medical terminology.

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Ben lost his younger brother last month. His brother was diagnosed with a liver disease and was undergoing treatment. He was even recovering. Everyone was hoping that he would be back home very soon but, unfortunately, that was not to be.

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My entire career has focused on representing victims of negligent and wrongful acts. I advocate for victims' rights and interests, and I passionately pursue justice and compensation for the injured.”

Alvin de Levie, Attorney

His brother's medication was changed by a new doctor (his regular one was on vacation), and things started going downhill. His brother was in a coma for two days before breathing his last. The new doctor had not checked if his patient was allergic to any medication, which is what had happened as Ben later found out. Ben is currently looking for a [medical malpractice lawyer](#) who can help him file a case.

Cases like Ben are not uncommon, and it would take a good [medical malpractice](#) lawyer to help you win. In a medical malpractice case you are up against doctors, nurses, a medical facility and many other factors which can only be

taken on by a good lawyer. Since most medical malpractice cases go to trial before they are resolved, to win a case a lawyer must be able to establish:

Duty: The duty between the patient and doctor/hospital.

Breach: A breach or violation of duty or standard medical procedure.

Cause: A causal connection between the breach of standard medical procedure or conduct and cause of injury.

Damage: Show the damage caused because of the breach of duty on the part of the doctor or medical facility.

These facts can only be proved by an attorney who has had a number of years of experience and is well versed with medical aspects. Here is what you should look for when you hire a medical

malpractice lawyer.

Experience in a niche field: Most medical malpractice lawyers are experts in a specific field. For example, the lawyer can be an expert in dealing with birth injuries or surgical mishap cases. Since a lot of medical research and terminology is associated with these type of cases; a specific niche establishes the fact that the lawyer has experience in the field and will have no trouble making case theories, talking to medical experts and understanding all the technical jargon.

Access to medical experts/witness who can testify: As already mentioned 80% of all medical cases are settled after a trial. A trial means a jury and a jury will only be able to take the right decision when there are medical experts who can explain medical theories and terminology in layman language. A good medical malpractice lawyer will have access to these medical experts and call them as expert witnesses.

Compassionate and aggressive: One of the most important virtues which a medical malpractice attorney must have (since most of these case go on trial) is compassion. Communicating aggressively to a jury and being compassionate at the same time is one of the most important traits of these lawyers.

A jury verdict will hang on the fact as to how well your lawyer was able to make them understand your case.

Contingency fees: You are already burdened by the loss of your loved one and all the medical bills which are associated with it. It's only human to be skeptical about paying huge fees to a lawyer to fight your case. Most personal injury lawyers work on contingency, means they do charge you any fees unless your money is recovered, and will explain you their fee structure.

A good lawyer will have the means to cover your litigation expense until the time your money is recovered.

Medical knowledge: Another very important trait to look for in a medical malpractice lawyer is if he/she has the medical knowledge to fight your case. Gathering medical records and analyzing them, setting up independent medical examinations for understanding and evaluating the condition of their client, performing medical research related to the case of the client are some of the steps that a good malpractice attorney would follow.

In addition, they will have to review medical records and understand a doctor's line of treatment in order to establish that breach which caused the medical malpractice.

According to a recent study, about 195,000 people in the US die in some sort of a medical mishap every year which could have been prevented. Hence while choosing your lawyer an important thing to note is the success rate of your attorney/ law firm and the strategies they use to fight cases.

If you've been a victim of medical malpractice, you will require a team of seasoned lawyers by your side to bring the perpetrator to justice. Alvin F. de Levie and Associates is supported by an elite team of lawyers, industry specialists, and experts who assist in the legal process. Do not hesitate to give us a call at 844-777-2529 to find out how we can help you during these troubled times.

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