

# Choosing an Attorney to Represent Me: What Do I Look For?

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES, May 6, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What should I look for when [choosing a lawyer](#)? This is a question that you are probably asking yourself right now if you are thinking of hiring a lawyer. Finding a competent [lawyer to represent you](#) in court can be a daunting task, especially if this is your first time. While there are many lawyers in the market, only a few are best equipped with the necessary skill and knowledge needed to help you win the case.

Research conducted by the American Bar Foundation (ABF) found out that approximately a quarter of lawyers quit the profession within seven years. If you are looking for a lawyer to represent you but wondering what to look for, worry not because we have got you covered. Below are essential factors to consider when choosing a lawyer.

## The lawyer's passion for the job

If you ask any successful lawyer what made them stand out, they may respond that it's their passion for their job. Unlike other types of professions where you can survive even if you are not passionate about your job, it isn't easy to practice as a lawyer if you are not passionate about your work. Passionate lawyers often stand out and deliver excellent services to their clients. Such a lawyer will devote his quality time and energy to your case and go the extra mile to ensure that you win your case.

## Experience

Another crucial factor to consider when choosing a lawyer is experience. As said before, more than a quarter of lawyers usually quit this profession within seven years. A more experienced lawyer has more chances of success. A lawyer who has practiced for many years has probably handled many similar cases and knows what to do to help you get a favorable outcome. In law, experience and a high success rate go hand in hand. You may be well advised to choose a lawyer who has at least seven years of experience.

## Area of specialization

Lawyers generally fall into one of two categories. They include those who offer general legal services and those who have specialized in a particular niche. Choosing a non-specialist lawyer

may not be a wise idea, especially when dealing with crucial lawsuits such as divorce and accidents. A lawyer who has specialized in a particular niche has a thorough understanding of laws in that specific field and could use his knowledge to help you win the case.

#### The attorney's personality

If you have an emotionally draining case in court, the last thing you want is dealing you a lawyer who is hard to get along with. A significant part of the success of your case will be determined by how you relate to your attorney.

Regardless of how good the lawyer is, if you don't get along well, you may be less likely to win your lawsuit. Therefore, choose a lawyer who is easy to talk to, understanding, compassionate, trustworthy, available, and willing to deliver excellent services.

#### Credibility

Before you make your final decision, inquire to know the lawyer's credibility. For instance, what are other clients who have used the lawyer's services saying about the quality of service he delivers? Are they trustworthy, and how successful are they? Digging into the lawyer's credibility is very important before you choose one. If a lawyer has good credibility, you should consider hiring them.

#### Fee and cost

Before any work begins, ask the lawyer how much he will charge for the legal services to be rendered. By doing this, you'll be able to avoid unpleasant surprises in the future. State ethics rules require lawyers to charge their clients a reasonable cost. The lawyer should also write their financial requirements in writing before they take your case. Don't be fooled into believing that you will get more for a high price. The most expensive lawyer will not necessarily guarantee you a great outcome. You should balance the cost and experience of a lawyer when looking for one. Before you commit, please discuss a payment plan with your lawyer and ensure you are comfortable with it.

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