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# CHOOSING THE LAWYER



## CHOOSING THE RIGHT DIVORCE LAWYER: YOUR EVALUATION GUIDE

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# 01 WHAT MAKES A GOOD DIVORCE LAWYER?

A strong family lawyer will be:

- 1.Strategic
- 2.Experienced
- 3.Realistic
- 4.Calm under pressure
- 5.Clear about costs
- 6.Focused on settlement, not escalation

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# 02 UNDERSTANDING THEIR EXPERTISE

Ask:

- 1.Do they handle financial remedy work regularly?
  - 2.Do they deal with cases involving businesses?
  - 3.Do they understand international jurisdiction?
  - 4.Do they work with forensic accountants and valuation experts?
- You need a lawyer who can match the complexity of your situation.



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## 03 EVALUATE COMMUNICATION STYLE

You should feel:

1. Heard
2. Understood
3. Informed
4. Respected
5. Not rushed

Their communication style will influence the entire process.

Key Question:

"When I speak to them, do I feel calmer or more stressed?"

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## 04 PRICING MODELS & TRANSPARENCY

You should receive:

1. Fixed fees (if possible)
2. Clear breakdowns
3. No hidden extras
4. A transparent plan

Ask how costs are tracked and communicated.



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## 05 STRATEGY: THE QUESTIONS THAT MATTER

Ask:

- 1.What are the likely outcomes?
  - 2.What are the risks?
  - 3.What is the timeline?
  - 4.How do you approach negotiation?
  - 5.When would you recommend court?
  - 6.What is your experience with cases like mine?
- Their answers will tell you everything.

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## 06 RED FLAGS

Be cautious if the lawyer:

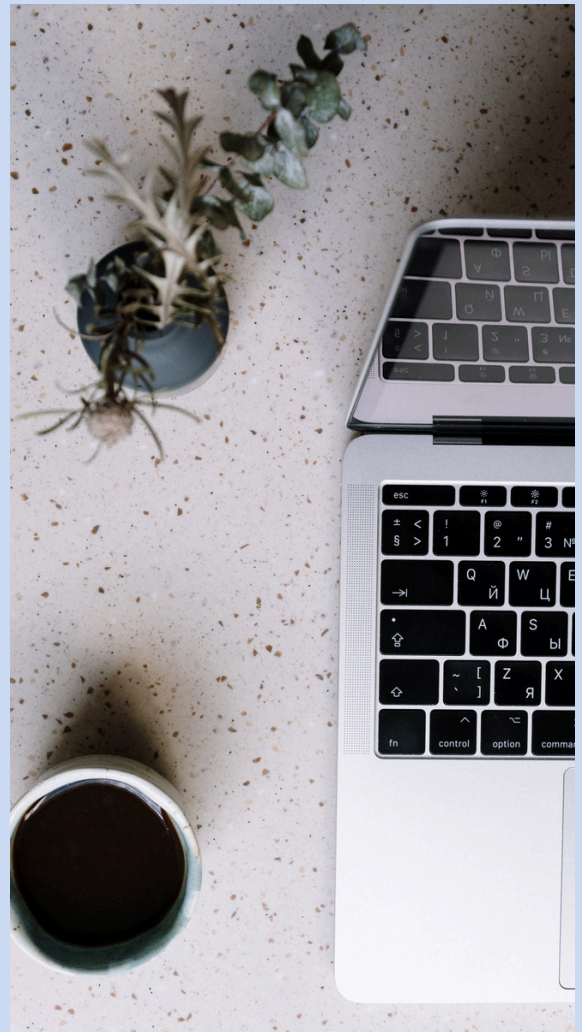
- 1.Promises guaranteed outcomes
- 2.Tries to escalate conflict unnecessarily
- 3.Is vague about costs
- 4.Delegates everything to juniors
- 5.Is slow to reply
- 6.Talks more than they listen



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# KEY QUESTIONS FOR YOUR FIRST MEETING

1. How long do cases like mine typically take?
2. How much will this likely cost overall?
3. How often will we communicate?
4. Who will do the work on my file?
5. What is the best and worst-case scenario?
6. How can I keep my fees down?



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