

## Questions to ask your lawyer:

When you are asking these questions, check for truthful, open answers from the lawyer. A good malpractice lawyer will take the time to listen to you and to explain which laws apply to your case. They can give you a very realistic evaluation of how the legal process can progress. In addition, they can give you an upfront opinion about pursuing your medical malpractice claim. Many law firms will offer an initial 30-minute free consult to understand the issue you are seeking legal representation with.

In terms of medical malpractice, experience, resources, and skill matter. Especially when pursuing fair compensation. Meeting your lawyer in person can give you a stronger indicator for their qualifications, success rates, and overall competence.

Remember that if you have further questions or do not understand an answer, you are allowed to ask it again or ask for clarification. Before you sign any agreement with a lawyer, remember that you do not have to commit to one lawyer just because you have spoken to them, you are able to get several opinions and then choose who you feel you would most like to work with.

Below are some questions to consider:

- Do you operate on a no-win no-fee basis?
- Can you briefly talk me through your professional credentials?
- What is your track record with similar previous cases?
- Are there previous clients I can reach out to?
- What will the fee structure look like?
- What are potential out-of-pocket costs that I might have to pay upfront?
- What type of resources can you bring to bear on my case?
- What limitations do you believe may impact my case?
- What will you need from me?
- What can I expect from you with communication and updates?
- Who will I be speaking with most often about my case?
- How extensive is your medical knowledge?
- Do you have expertise in my type of medical malpractice case?
- What experience do you have in taking cases to trial?
- What noteworthy cases have you handled?
- How much time do we have/what is your expected timeframe for this issue?
- Are you able to help me find out if I can access a legal grant from Legal Aid?