

HOW IS AN ATTORNEY'S FEE SET?





In determining the fee, an attorney must consider the difficulties involved in the problem you bring, the amount of time it requires and the value of the results obtained for you. You should keep in mind that, to serve clients efficiently, an attorney must bear certain necessary expenses. From the fees, the attorney must pay for office staff, rent, technological equipment, furnishings and legal research tools.

You should discuss your lawyer's fee at your first consultation. Your attorney may not be able to tell you the exact fee in advance, but usually can give at least an estimate of the charge or an explanation of how it will be determined. Sometimes a lawyer's fee is controlled by a statute or fixed by court rules. In some cases involving the recovery of money, the charge may be a percentage of the amount recovered. You should ask the lawyer to put into writing fee and billing agreements to avoid any misunderstanding.

WHAT IS MY DUTY TO MY ATTORNEY?

You should be cooperative with and responsive to your attorney. Be truthful, giving your attorney all the facts concerning your case and make a full and fair disclosure of the entire situation. To serve you well, your lawyer must know not only the favorable facts but also those that maybe unfavorable. Also, you should be available to your attorney and attend all legal proceedings, as requested.

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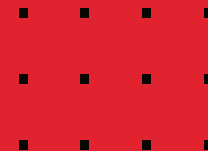
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ATTORNEYS

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WHEN SHOULD I GO TO AN ATTORNEY?

The best time to go to an attorney is before you are in legal difficulty or need to make an important decision about a legal matter. It is best to consult your attorney before you sign papers or take other action that might seriously alter your legal position.

For example, you may choose to consult an attorney when:

- You are planning to enter into a verbal or written contract that has major financial consequences;
- You are involved in an accident involving injury to persons or damage to property;
- You have been named in a lawsuit

- You are seeking to collect a debt from another person, or someone is taking action to collect a debt from you;
- You need an opinion about the title to real estate;
- You want to plan your estate, make a will, or create a trust;
- You are organizing or dissolving a business;
- You are involved in a family situation such as adoption, divorce, settling an estate, etc.;
- You believe your rights as a consumer or employee have been abused;
- You believe your civil rights may have been violated;
- You have been charged with a criminal or traffic offense.

DO I HAVE TO GET AN ATTORNEY?

You can represent yourself “pro se” in a legal proceeding if you do not want to hire an attorney, but you cannot represent another person or a corporation unless you are an attorney. Keep in mind, if you are representing yourself, you are held to the same standard as trained attorneys.

WHAT IS MY ATTORNEYS DUTY TO ME?

Upon admission to practice, all attorneys take an oath to uphold the constitutions and the law and to be faithful to their clients. Just as your communications with your minister and physician are confidential, so are your

private communications with your lawyer. Legal ethics rules prohibit your attorney from disclosing, without your permission, any information you provide during the attorney-client relationship. However, your attorney may disclose your intention to commit a crime and the information necessary to prevent the crime.

Your attorney’s principal duty is to see that you receive the benefit of all your legal rights. An attorney is sworn to conduct cases in an orderly and efficient manner. Your attorney may not, without prior approval, make any agreement or incur any obligations that might substantially prejudice your interests.

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