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What You Should Find Out from a Bankruptcy Lawyer

Shopping for a bankruptcy lawyer? It would be to your best interests to interview a few potential bankruptcy lawyers who can represent you before hiring one for yourself. Bankruptcy protection can be a rather complex process so it is imperative that you hire a bankruptcy lawyer that is both competent and caring towards your case. Here are some things you should find out from a bankruptcy lawyer before hiring him or her.

Find out the obstacles he expects to encounter in filing for your bankruptcy. Do not ask a close-ended question that only requires a “yes” or “no” answer. When you ask an open-ended question like this one about the obstacles in bankruptcy, you have the opportunity to discover what the lawyer knows about the common problems in filing for bankruptcy. This is a good indication of the lawyer’s competence and experience or lack of it.

Ask if another lawyer will be handling your case. It is quite common for lawyers to delegate certain cases (or parts of cases) to junior lawyers or other employees. When you ask this question, you give the lawyer the chance to inform you of any other lawyer involved in your case. If there is (and there likely will be), then ask about the qualifications and experiences of the other (junior) lawyer. This causes everything to be above board right from the start of your petition.

Do not be afraid to ask specific questions about fees. But you should ask for the breakdown of the lawyer’s fees and not merely the total figure. This is because the lawyer would likely charge for incidental and out-of-pocket expenses as they come along. Once you know the specifics of the fee, you can decide on whether to hire the lawyer or look for someone with more reasonable fees.

When you take the trouble to find out these things before engaging the lawyer, you will ensure that you get the best legal service for your money.

If you are looking to file for bankruptcy, call us at (813) 200 4133 for a free consultation.

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