

Questions for your Attorney

Background and Experience

How long have you been practicing law?

How long have you been with the firm?

How many years have you been practicing bankruptcy?

What percentage of your work is dedicated to bankruptcy law?

What percentage of your bankruptcy cases are individual vs business?

How many bankruptcy cases do you work on at a time?

How many bankruptcy cases do you file a month?

How many Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases have you handled that the Trustee objected?

Have any bankruptcy cases you handled been dismissed based on abuse?

How well do you know the judges and local trustees that will be working on my case?

Why should I use your firm instead of another?

Communication

How do I contact you with questions?

Are you available after normal business hours?

Will I speak primarily with you or a legal assistant?

How quickly can I expect an answer or response to a question?

How will I be informed about the status of my case?

How often will you keep me posted on the status of my case?

Case Information

Based on my unique financial situation, is bankruptcy the right option for me?

Do I have any other options besides bankruptcy?

Are there any potential risks or challenges with my case?

What chapter should I file? Why?

If I file a Chapter 13, could you provide me with an estimated monthly payment?

If I file a Chapter 13, will it last a full 60 months?

Would it be better for me to file now or should I wait?

How long will the process take?

What are the pros and cons in my situation of filing for bankruptcy?

Do I have any assets that are non-exempt?

Which of my debts are dischargeable and which are not?

What will be your plan of action with my case?

Will you be doing the majority of work on my case?

How many people will be working on my case?

Will you be at my court hearings?

What are my responsibilities and your expectations of me?

What type of follow up services do you provide after the case is finished?

Attorney Fees

What type of costs can I expect in filing my case?

What is included in the flat fee?

What is not included in the flat fee?

What is your retainer fee and is it refundable?

Do you provide your fee agreement in writing?

Do you provide a payment plan for you legal fees?