

SHOPPING FOR AN ATTORNEY?

ASK THESE QUESTIONS

1. Does the law firm offer one flat fee; or is there a pretrial fee and a trial fee?
2. If it is a pretrial fee, how much will it cost to go to trial if you are not satisfied with the negotiated outcome?
3. What is included in the pretrial fee?
4. Does the attorney accept payment plans on the trial fee?
5. Is there a built in incentive for the attorney to sell you a trial?
6. What portion of the trial fee is earned if once the trial fee is paid, the prosecuting agency offers you a better plea offer?
7. What happens if the judge won't let the pretrial attorney off the case, who will represent you?
8. If you are going to a law firm where the firm includes multiple attorneys, what attorney will be representing you?

9. Will you get to meet or pick the attorney that will represent you before you decide to hire the law firm?

10. How many jury trials has that attorney tried?

11. How many years have they been practicing?