



Attorney Checklist.

Retain an attorney with independent judgment, as you and your family may establish an attorney/client relationship that may span many years. There are numerous considerations, both personal and professional, that you should address.

A Few Suggestions We Recommend In Retaining An Attorney:

- ◆ How many years has the attorney practiced in this area of law?
- ◆ What percentage do Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning make up in his/her overall practice?
- ◆ Does the attorney have any special certifications or memberships in professional associations related to this area of law?
- ◆ Does the attorney's firm have other practitioners in this area of law?
- ◆ Does the attorney's firm carry professional liability insurance or errors and omissions coverage?
- ◆ How does this firm bill for services rendered; hourly basis or fee for service?
- ◆ Can the firm provide an estimate of the total fee?
- ◆ What circumstances would cause the fee to exceed the estimate by more than 20%?
- ◆ If you have any concerns, call the North Carolina Bar Association to inquire about complaints or the status of an attorney.

Remember: Selection of an attorney is an important decision. You should ask the attorney about his/her qualifications, experience and legal fees.

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