

Qualities to Look for in a Pennsylvania Personal Injury Attorney

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Accidents happen every day, and personal injury attorneys are everywhere. If you or a loved one has been involved in an accident and suffered an injury, it's crucial to find an attorney. With so many personal injury attorneys available, it may be difficult or overwhelming to select the right attorney for you. Most attorneys are able to provide competent representation, however if you want the best attorney available, here are five qualities to look for in your personal injury attorney.

1. Experience

Experience is something that can't be duplicated. When it comes to your personal injury matter, there are many surprises that may arise. An experienced lawyer will know how to deal with all situations and issues throughout your personal injury case since they have likely dealt with the same issues before. For this reason, during your free initial consultation, you should ask your attorney about the experience they possess and how that will translate to a successful result for you or your family member.

2. Strong Negotiator

Immediately after an accident, the insurance company may call you and ask you specific questions which they may later use against you to diminish, or even outright deny your claim. When this happens, it is important to realize that the insurance company is not on your side. You should reach out to a personal injury attorney who is not only able to answer questions from the insurance company on your behalf, but who will also effectively deal with the insurance company and negotiate a successful resolution for you.

3. Effective Communicator

There are many moving parts in a personal injury case. To successfully fight on your behalf, your attorney should be a skilled communicator. They should be able to clearly lay out the strengths of your case in front of the insurance company, judge, or jury. Your attorney should also have the ability to listen and understand the harm you have suffered. Without listening to you, your personal injury attorney would be missing the most important aspect of your case – how the accident you suffered has negatively impacted your life.

4. Passionate

Many personal injury attorneys look excellent on paper – they have experience, strong negotiation skills, and the ability to communicate effectively. Just as important, if not more important than these qualities, is whether your attorney is passionate about what they do. During your free initial consultation, it is important to get a sense of why your attorney chose to work with personal injury matters. For example, do you sense that your attorney is empathetic to your situation or the situation of a loved one? Do you believe your attorney will fight for the best interests of you or a loved one? Passion leads to motivation and a deep sense of caring, which in turn leads to successful results.

5. Proven Results

Above all else, in searching for a personal injury attorney, you want to choose an attorney that has a track record of proven results. Ask your attorney about how they handled cases similar to yours in the past. It is important to note that no two cases are alike. If, during your initial consultation, an attorney tells you that they will obtain a specific monetary result for you, you should proceed with caution. If you get a sense that the attorney has a proven track record of successful results, you can be assured they will provide dedication and professionalism to your case in effort to maximize results for you or a loved one.

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