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Filing a mesothelioma lawsuit is a long and dwindling process. Selection of a mesothelioma attorney whom you trust and have a good rapport with is very important.

If you are thinking about filing a mesothelioma lawsuit, you must meet with a variety of lawyers before making your final decision. Choosing from a long list of mesothelioma lawyers can be a daunting task, so here is a guide to help you through the process:

1. Start the Search

Look for a qualified mesothelioma attorney in the following places:

- Bar Associations
- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory (found in most public libraries)
- Yellow Pages
- Internet (many firms have their own sites)

2. Narrow Down the Field

Once you have found the names of some mesothelioma attorneys in your area, begin by contacting each firm by telephone for further information.

Describe your legal issue to each attorney and inquire as to whether he/she can handle your situation. Don't forget to ask whether there is a fee for an initial consultation, and the approximate cost to handle a mesothelioma lawsuit.

It is advisable to schedule appointments with two or three different attorneys before making your final selection.

3. Meet the Prospective Attorneys

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The initial consultation is an opportunity for you and the lawyer to get to know each other. After listening to your case, the lawyer should be able to outline your rights and offer you alternative courses of action.

The initial consultation is the mesothelioma attorney's opportunity to explain what he or she can do for you and how much it will cost. You should not hesitate to ask about the attorney's experience in handling previous mesothelioma lawsuits.

Feel free to ask about the lawyer's fees and the likely results. If you are considering going beyond the initial consultation and hiring the lawyer, request a written fee agreement before proceeding.

It is also important to ask each attorney for a list of references that you may contact.

4. Making Your Decision

After each initial consultation, ask yourself the following questions about the mesothelioma attorney you just met:

- Did the attorney listen to me?
- Was the attorney knowledgeable about asbestos law?
- Did the attorney give me a firm understanding of my alternative courses of action?
- Do I understand the range of possible results associated with each course of action?
- Did the attorney seem trustworthy?

If need be, take notes after each consultation, indicating your initial reaction to the mesothelioma attorney you have just met.

Mesothelioma Attorney – Making A Right Choice

By Kirsten Hawkins

Experience Is the Key Factor

Mesothelioma attorney is the most important person from your point of view when you decide to file a mesothelioma lawsuit to recover compensation for the damages occurred due to diseases related to asbestos exposure. When choosing a mesothelioma attorney, you should keep it in mind that experience of the lawyer is the most important factor. You should not hesitate to ask the number of cases handled by the mesothelioma attorney. You may ask him how many of these were settled and what were the results of those cases that went to trial. Directory and websites of attorneys who are specialized in handling mesothelioma lawsuits are also available to help you to select a right mesothelioma attorney.

Mesothelioma Attorney Different methods of charging fees and costs

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Besides the experience, the second important point is the lawsuit fees and the costs charged by mesothelioma attorney. The best combination of the experience and the costs will help you in the selection of right mesothelioma attorney for your lawsuit. As a cost cutting measure, your mesothelioma attorney may take the help of junior attorney or paralegal personnel. You yourself can copy, pick up, deliver documents, or perform other menial tasks thereby saving both time and money. Mesothelioma attorney may charge firm and fixed fees for a specific task. Contingency fee is also a very good arrangement. In this arrangement, you pay a percentage of money you receive as compensation. If you do not get any compensation then your mesothelioma attorney collects no fees.

When you first meet the mesothelioma attorney, what impression does they leave on you also help you in choosing the right one. You should be comfortable with your mesothelioma attorney. If he or she understands your point well then there are more chances that they may put it before the judge in a better way. If they are more interested in bargaining rather than listening to your story it is better to look for another mesothelioma attorney.

Documentary evidences required

Mesothelioma attorney should have required expertise with mesothelioma case to move forward the litigation through courts. They have to prove that you were exposed to asbestos particles while performing your job. The mesothelioma attorney also has to prove that the negligence of your employer is the cause of your mesothelioma disease. Your mesothelioma attorney may use your employment and tax record as evidence to prove the time and place of exposure to asbestos.

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