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How to Interview a Parental Alienation Attorney for Your Case

Selecting the best Parental Alienation Attorney for your case is crucial. Make no mistake about it. This one decision can to a great degree determine the relationship you will have with your children for the rest of your life. If that sounds like a strong statement, I speak from personal experience...

I went through 3 different legal firms in an attempt to maintain a relationship with my sons during an onslaught of litigation that resulted from an ex-wife that was determined to take me out of their lives. I lost my sons, my business and was financially decimated because of the cost of litigation. The attorneys that represented me were ill equipped to deal with the type of tactics employed by my ex and the judge in my case.

I share all of this in an effort to save you from the same pain and heartache that I experience on a daily basis. I had no idea where to turn for help, in a situation that I didn't comprehend and certainly wasn't equipped to deal with. I have learned much since then and I will gladly share what I have learned with you.

The following is our suggested interview format. You should conduct the interview in person not over the phone. It is very important to meet with them in person to see if their personalities are a good fit for you to work together.

1. Ask how long have they have been practicing family law
2. Ask what county most of their cases are heard in
3. Find out if they know the judge in your case
4. Explain the circumstances and current status of your marital (or ex-marital) relationship
5. Explain whatever applies: My ex-spouse is "accusing me of/destroying my relationship with/keeping me from" my children etc.
6. Share that you are very concerned for your children's health and well being
7. Ask them if they are willing to be assertive and fight for justice if necessary
8. Ask if they have ever handled a case with similar issues before
9. Ask what course of action they would recommend
10. Ask if there are any other options to that course of action
11. Tell them that you know that there are no guarantees, then ask if they feel confident that they can help with your situation
12. Ask what their fees are and how they are structured - (Very important – the cheapest rate is not always the most cost effective! A capable, high quality attorney might have a higher hourly rate, but they may get the job done much quicker and cheaper than a "cheaper rate" one can.)
13. Find out how much of a retainer will be required to begin the process
14. Ask them to work with you to keep your legal fees down by letting you know when you can do something that will help you to save money, like making copies, obtaining certified copies or other tasks that you can do
15. If you are comfortable and confident ask what you need to do to move ahead. If you need to talk it over with someone else (a current spouse or parent etc.) then let them know when you will get back with them to follow-up

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