

29 QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEWING DIVORCE PROFESSIONALS



For Your **FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DIVORCE**™



Welcome!

My name is Barry Giske and I help women going through a divorce to avoid costly mistakes and become financially independent as quickly as possible. I am glad to share with you this complimentary questionnaire. If you decide to dissolve your marriage, you should have the right team to advise you.



One of the biggest mistakes many divorcees make is they don't interview their potential divorce professionals.

This questionnaire will guide you on what to ask when you interview your future attorney, financial person, CPA, therapist, parenting coach, divorce coach, insurance broker, or post-divorce organizer.

Be confident that members of your divorce team have the right background, special education, experience, and top references.

Your financially responsible divorce - it is up to you!

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QUESTIONS FOR DIVORCE LAWYERS AND FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS



To build your divorce professional team, you should be confident that an individual has the right background, experience, and personality to handle your case. Below are some recommended questions for your future divorce attorneys and financial professionals:

1. HOW BIG IS YOUR DIVORCE PRACTICE? HOW MANY DIVORCE CASES DO YOU HAVE NOW?

2. WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT FROM OTHER LAWYERS?

3. CAN YOU PROVIDE ME WITH REFERENCES FROM OTHER LAWYERS AND DIVORCE PROFESSIONALS?

4. WHAT COUNTIES DO YOU COVER THE MOST?

5. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS?

6. WHAT AREAS DO YOUR PARTICULAR EXPERTISE COVER?

7. DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL JUDGES ?

8. WHAT IS YOUR EXPERTISE WITH HIGH-NET-WORTH FAMILIES?

9. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR PRACTICE IS WITH HIGH CONFLICT CASES?

10. TELL ME ABOUT A CASE IN YOUR PRACTICE SIMILAR TO MINE? WHAT WERE THE PITFALLS, AND WAS THE OUTCOME?

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11. HOW WELL ARE YOU KNOWN IN THE ATTORNEYS' COMMUNITY? MY SPOUSE'S LAWYER IS (LAWYER'S NAME). DO YOU KNOW HIM/HER? WHAT CAN YOU TELL ABOUT HIM/HER?

12. WHAT DIFFERENT RESOLUTION METHODS DO YOU USE? WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR CASES INVOLVE TRADITIONAL LITIGATION, MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE?

13. HOW EXPERIENCED ARE YOU IN DIVORCE LITIGATION?

14. WHAT RESOLUTION METHOD, IN YOUR OPINION, MIGHT WORK BEST IN MY CASE, AND WHY?

15. DO YOU HAVE A TEAM? IF I AM YOUR CLIENT, WHO SPECIFICALLY WILL I BE WORKING WITH, AND WHAT ARE THEIR SPECIALTIES?

16. WHAT DO YOU PREFER AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION? DO YOU RETURN CALLS, EMAILS, OR TEXTS OVER WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY?

17. HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE PER HOUR? DO YOU BREAK AN HOUR? WHAT IS THE SHORTEST INCREMENT? WHAT IS THE RATE OF OTHER PROFESSIONALS ON YOUR TEAM? WHAT TYPE OF PAYMENT DO YOU ACCEPT?

18. WHAT CAN I DO TO LOWER THE OVERALL COST OF MY DIVORCE? ARE THERE TASKS I CAN DO MYSELF?

19. DO YOU REQUIRE A RETAINER, AND IF YES, HOW MUCH? HOW OFTEN DO YOU BILL? DO YOU SEND A DETAILED REPORT FOR CHARGES?

QUESTIONS FOR DIVORCE THERAPISTS



Working with divorce therapists might be a great idea to get emotional support navigating your divorce. It is especially critical if there is a high conflict over parental responsibilities. Below are the suggested questions when interviewing your potential therapist:

1. WHAT IS YOUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND? DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATION?

2. HOW OFTEN DO YOU WORK WITH DIVORCE CLIENTS?

3. WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT? HOW CAN I EASE UP THE PROCESS?

4. WHAT TYPES OF TREATMENT METHODS DO YOU USE? WHAT WILL WORK THE BEST IN MY CASE?

5. WHAT IS THE TREATMENT PROCESS? HOW OFTEN WILL WE MEET?



6. WHAT ABOUT MY KIDS? WILL THEY ATTEND OUR SESSIONS?

7. WILL OUR RELATIONSHIP BE SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIALITY? CAN I BRING A THIRD PARTY TO OUR SESSIONS?

8. WHAT IS YOUR HOURLY RATE? DO YOU ACCEPT INSURANCE?

9. CAN FACTS OF MY THERAPY BE PART OF DISCOVERY IN DIVORCE?

10. DO YOU PROVIDE POST-DIVORCE THERAPY?

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