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Especially throughout urban America when you need a lawyer regardless the purpose do you fully understand that your lawyer appointed or retained works for you?

Although sound legal advice is paramount yes you have the final say in all decisions not your lawyer. This holds true even if counsel does not wholeheartedly agree with you. What happens in the event you and your counsel disagrees?

Counsel is obligated to present your dispositions with the support of law. In addition counsel is also supposed to cover you with his theories and legally sound arguments with the support of law.

If legal counsel accepts your money or appointed regardless the purposes of representation they work for you.

Throughout urban America especially in criminal matters regardless if the attorneys are appointed or retained we must completely stop going off of word of mouth and alleged reputations. Why?

Regardless of lawyers' previous cases or track records unfortunately the question is will the attorneys apply their best quality of representation and afford their resources to you and for you.

Undoubtedly lawyers when asked in this realm while taking your money will consistently answer sure, sure.

Are all attorneys bad or questionable? Absolutely not. In fact there are great attorneys out there.

The problem is there are far too many questionable attorneys out there that overshadows the good and great ones so our legal protections even from our lawyers must remain at the forefront.

For starters a sound piece of advice before any commitments or monetary transfers are made do the following:

1. Google or via your search engines search for your desired attorney's for their ratings etc.
2. Undoubtedly have your desired attorney provide you with a complete copy of their ethical, moral, and rules of professional conduct they are governed by. This is applicable in all states.

Good and great attorneys will have no problems with the request.

3. In specific have the attorney provide you with a complete copy of the rules by which they are governed regarding communication with their client.

The professional conduct policies detail in specific an attorney's responsibility to their clients.

Many people don't know about these responsibilities nor will attorneys volunteer this information to you.

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4. After you are satisfied with numbers 2 & 3, during whatever consultation processes quite naturally keeping in mind no desired legal outcome is guaranteed you express your concerns to subsequently reach a verbal agreement.

However important to note word of mouth agreements are never binding. Lawyers will always legally protect themselves and there's absolutely nothing wrong with that.

In fact you should encourage them to do so as we must start legally protecting ourselves the same. Therefore word of mouth or verbal agreements should never be acceptable.

All correspondence and issues of importance should be in writing mailed certified or any legal form of proof of receipt.

The replies to your specific request and or notifications should also be in writing from your counsel with their official letterhead.

Before any monetary transfers in retaining counsel are made, have the attorney create a binding contract specifically consistent with all your points and purposes of representation, verbal agreements, expectations, and financial responsibilities if counsel is not appointed.

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Why is all the above highlighted?

Too many times throughout urban America legal counsel take our money without providing adequate services per their oaths taken and licenses to practice law.

The mentioned & unmentioned harm the client because although the illusion of quality representation was presented the reality of the representation was well below the 6th amendment intentions of legal representations.

Too many times as laymans of law we face the Three Friends And A Stranger Syndrome.

The three friends are the defense counsel, the prosecutor's, and the judge's activities and decisions made off the record. The stranger is our constitutional protection.

We must start keeping track of ALL events per our docket numbers. How? Simply by creating a timeline of events.

That means keeping business just that.

Your timeline in the proper order from the very beginning should include all filed documents, all attorney emails and responses, court transcripts, etc. If possible create PDF or like files.

The overall purpose is not intended to be disrespectful to counsel or the courts in any way.

Throughout any legal battles from day 1 track and document inconsistencies in your timelines do not create them. The truth remains consistent only lies fluctuate.





The following although entirely unrelated is being mentioned to illuminate the double standards of law and application and selective judicial processes.

The mentioned are vivid reflections of double standards that are ultimately tainting America's perception and growth.

Former Alaska governor Sarah Palin's son Track Palin attacked his dad Todd Palin 12/18/17 after breaking into their home as reported beating him bloody. Track was subsequently arrested and given a \$5000 bail.

Unrelated Track was also previously arrested on domestic violence charges.

If these incidents were committed by an African American or Latino male individually or collectively the charges would have been trumped up, the bails would have been 10 to 100 fold higher. A felony conviction for sure.

Yes the ongoing college admission scandal is concerning, however many of those wealthy families mentioned and unmentioned were only doing what money and power consider the norm.

Based on power, money, fraternities, political relations there are literally millions of college admission like scandals and Sarah Palin-like stories.

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