



## ***Before You Trust a Divorce Attorney with the Rest of Your Life... Read This!***

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Divorce isn't just legal.

It's personal.

It's financial.

It's the next chapter of your life.


It's your future.

And **who you choose to represent you matters.**

Here's what you **need to know**—and **ask**—before hiring a Divorce & Family Law attorney.


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### 1. ***Are They a Certified Matrimonial Law Attorney?***

 *Why it matters:*

Certified matrimonial attorneys are not a dime a dozen. Only a small percentage of Divorce attorneys in NJ are Certified by the Supreme Court as Matrimonial Attorneys.


They've passed rigorous testing, meet strict ethical standards, have been recommended by colleagues and Judges and have proven experience in complex family law cases.

 *Think of it like board certification for surgeons.*

You wouldn't go to a general practitioner for heart surgery. Don't trust a general practitioner with your divorce.

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### 2. ***Do They Focus ONLY on Divorce and Family Law?***

 Beware the jack-of-all-trades.

Family law is nuanced and emotionally charged. You need a **specialist** who lives and breathes this work daily.

💬 Ask:

“What percentage of your practice is devoted to divorce and family law?”

“How many cases like mine have you handled?”

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### ✅ 3. 🧠 *What’s Their Style of Practice?*

👛 Some attorneys are collaborative and solution-oriented. Others are combative and aggressive.

? Ask:

“How do you typically approach negotiation vs. litigation?”

“What’s your strategy for minimizing cost and conflict?”

🎯 *Why it matters:*

The right fit aligns with *your* goals—not just their ego or their bottom line.

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### ✅ 4. 🗨️ *Is Being a "Shark" Really What You Need?*

🚩 Don’t be fooled by bravado.

Aggression is warranted at times and even needed. However, aggression for the sake of aggression drives up **legal fees**, prolongs the process, and can harm your future more than it can help.

💬 Ask:

“How do you define success in a divorce case?”

“Do you encourage settlement or push for trial?”

💡 A good attorney knows when to fight and when to resolve.

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### ✅ 5. 🤝 *Do You Feel Comfortable With Them?*

💔 You’re trusting this person with **your family, your finances, and your future**.

If you don’t feel like you can be 100% honest—or if they speak over you instead of listening—it’s a **red flag**.

💬 Ask yourself:

“Do I feel heard?”

“Do I feel safe being vulnerable?”

“Do I trust them to fight for me and guide me?”

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✓ 6. 🧑‍⚖️ **How Transparent Are They About Fees, Process, and Expectations?**

💬 Ask:

“Can you walk me through what to expect?”

“How do you bill?”

“Will I work directly with you or with someone else at the firm?”

📄 Look for clear, upfront communication and a willingness to educate you on the process—not someone who dodges or deflects.

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✓ 7. 🗺️ **How Do You Find the Right One?**

🔍 Start with research:

✓ Look up reviews and client testimonials.

✓ Ask friends or professionals for referrals.

✓ Visit their website—are they thought leaders?

✓ Check if they’ve been featured in the media, taught legal education courses, or published work in family law.

🗣️ Then *talk* to them. Treat your consultation like a job interview. Because that’s what it is.

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✓ 8. 🧑‍🤝🧑 **Do They Care About the Whole You?**

You're not just a legal file.

You're a human in transition.

Look for someone who:

✓ Validates your emotions

✓ Supports your long-term wellbeing

✓ Has resources beyond just court—like therapists, financial planners, parenting experts

💡 A great divorce attorney sets you up for a **new life**, not just a legal outcome.

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🌟 **Remember:**


**You’re not just hiring a lawyer.**


**You’re investing in your next chapter.**

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 **Our Promise to You:**

*At Rozin Golinder Law, we don't just fight for you—*  
**We help you re-write your next chapter.**

 This is your future. Make sure it's protected by someone who understands the stakes.

 *We're not an expense. We're an investment.*