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How to Find a Trustworthy Workers' Compensation Lawyer

1 Look for specialists

Seek out an attorney who actively practices workers' compensation and workplace injury law, ideally with experience in construction or third-party liability cases if that's relevant to yours. These cases have their own rules, safety regulations, and recurring pitfalls. Ask about their track record. How long has the attorney or firm handled cases like yours? How many? What have the outcomes looked like? A good lawyer will answer without hesitation.

2 Read what former clients say: reviews.

Google, Avvo, and Yelp reviews, along with testimonials on firm websites, won't tell you everything, but patterns serve as a strong guide. Look for words like responsive, clear, and kind.

3 Use trusted directories and referrals

The Massachusetts Bar Association's "Find a Lawyer" tool at massbar.org is another solid starting point. Don't overlook personal networks, either: your doctor or healthcare provider, your union or trade association, a friend or family member who's been through it, or even another lawyer who may be able to provide a solid referral or recommendation.

4 Check credentials

Membership in organizations like the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, or the Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group (WILG), along with recognitions like Super Lawyers, can signal professional commitment.

5 Pay attention to how they make you feel

Do they explain things clearly? Do they promptly return calls and keep you informed? Do they listen? Injury cases can continue for a long time, and you'll want to work with a firm or attorney that makes you feel heard and is responsive.

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What to ask during an initial consultation

How long have you handled worksite accident cases, and have you handled ones like mine?

Who will be working on my file: you, another attorney, or a paralegal?

How do you charge?
(Most personal injury lawyers work on a contingency fee, meaning you pay nothing upfront and they're paid a percentage only if you recover. Make sure you understand the details before you sign.)

How long do cases like mine typically take?

Do you have experience with workers' compensation, OSHA regulations, and, if relevant, product liability or third-party claims?

Should you be in search of a workers' compensation attorney, the attorneys at Marcotte Law Firm are available to consult with you about your situation.

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