

CHECKLIST	ASSESSING MY FAMILY LAW LAWYER		NOTES
	YES	NO	
My lawyer understands family law and issues related to domestic violence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer helps me prioritize my goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer explains the legal options and strategies available to achieve my goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer explains my chances of success.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer does not make promises about outcomes they cannot control, like what the judge will rule or what my partner will agree to.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer answers my questions and makes sure I understand fully.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer lets me ask questions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer communicates with me in a timely and effective manner.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer has explained how long the process might take.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer has explained how much the process might cost.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer has explained what services they will and will not provide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer follows my legal instructions and does not make important decisions without consulting me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer gives me copies of ongoing communications and documents filed with the court.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
My lawyer handles matters related to my case within a time frame they originally promised.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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