

| 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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