

How You Can Help Your Lawyer With Your Case



Hi, I'm LynMarie, a Super Small Business Consultant and Attorney.

When you are facing a legal situation, you may need an attorney.

Learn how you can help your lawyer represent you in the best way and what you can do to assist your lawyer in presenting your case.

Are you dealing with a situation where you need some legal advice? You may need to hire an attorney to assist you and to represent you in court. You will likely have to make an initial appointment with an attorney to discuss matters and bring relevant documentation to that appointment.

Here are some tips about the best ways you can work with your attorney and how you can help make it a smoother process.

- **Be on time for your appointment(s) with the attorney**

Lawyers are very busy people, helping various members of the community. **Arrive early or on time** for your appointment to show your commitment.

If it turns out you cannot make that appointment, call them and reschedule for a more suitable time.

Lawyers will have a schedule for client appointments to see everyone and may not be able to just fit you in if you are late or do not show up for your appointment.

- **Be honest**

Explain your situation to the lawyer and be honest about what occurred. The lawyer needs to receive accurate information to determine your case.

Withholding information or providing inaccurate details may affect your lawyer presenting the best defense strategies which could potentially harm your case. It also does not look good on you or your lawyer if facts come to light during your court appearances.

- **Bring all the paperwork with you**

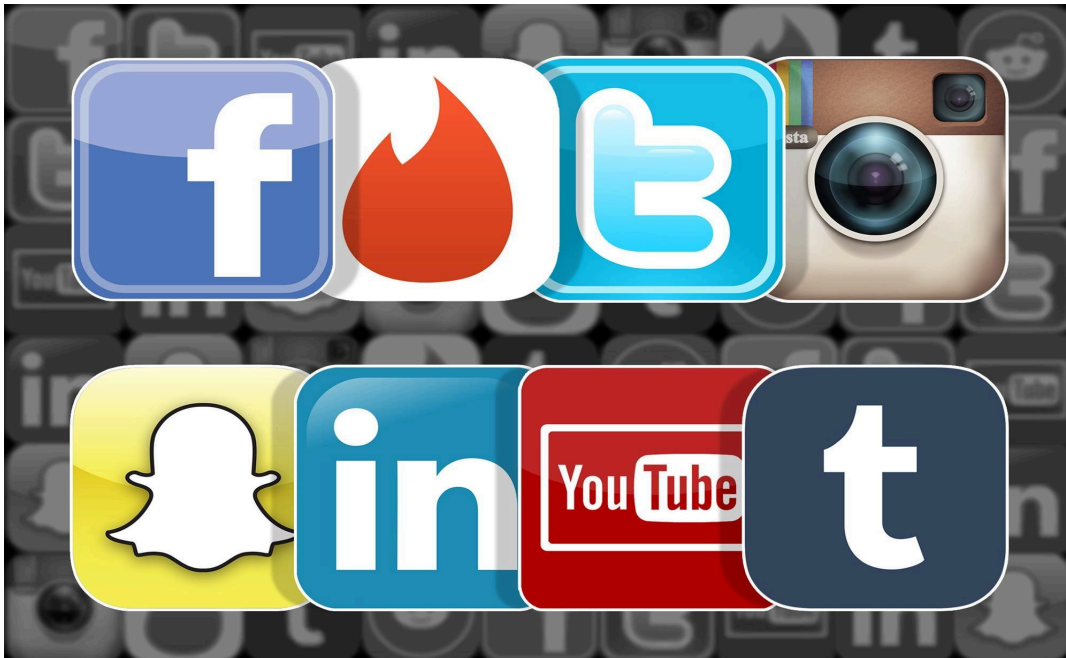
Gather all documentation relevant to your case and bring it with you to your appointment. Your lawyer will

need to obtain evidence from you and will need as much information as possible to best represent you.

Keep your lawyer updated, for example, if you obtain further evidence, your lawyer will need that information as well, as soon as possible.

- **Be careful on social media**

There is the possibility that the police or the prosecution could search you online and they will be looking for incriminating posts or statements you have made. Refrain from making any online comments about your legal situation that could be used against you.



- **Do ask questions**

You must understand what the lawyer requires you to do or provide in your situation. Ask questions or clarify points to make sure you understand the process and to avoid any miscommunications or errors in your case. A good lawyer will welcome questions to make sure you do understand the legal steps to go through.

- **Follow your attorney's advice**

Your attorney will have your best interests at heart and will offer advice that you are strongly encouraged to follow. Ignoring an attorney's advice may lead to a far less favorable outcome for you. It also means you may have created other situations that also need to be dealt with, such as violating your release terms or if you committed another crime as well.

- **Attend all your court dates**

Make sure you are present for all of your court hearings, and be on time. If you are not sure where to attend, get that information from your lawyer with directions if needed. Find out where you need to be before your court date.

Failure to attend a court hearing may result in making a negative impression with the judge, a failure to appear charge added to your case, or a bail

revocation. It may also extend the legal proceedings and result in an outcome you didn't want.

- **Be careful what you say**

Your attorney may advise you not to speak to the police without the attorney being present. This is to protect you, as anything you say may be used as evidence in court against you. Your attorney will be experienced in how to answer questions and advise you on what to do. Follow your attorney's advice, their job is to provide you with the best representation.

- **Mind your attitude**

There may be occasions when you feel frustrated, angry, or afraid. A good lawyer understands and will keep you informed about the legal process.

Sometimes you may feel not enough is being done or you are not being fully informed. It is not a good idea to contact your lawyer's office and be mad that things are not happening quickly enough for you. The lawyer and their staff have to work through the legal process and may not be in a position to decide your case will be fully settled next week!

If you feel that you are not being kept informed about your case progress, contact the law firm for an

update. If they have tried to contact you without success, offer up-to-date contact details where they can get in touch with you quickly if necessary.



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Do you need legal advice?

Contact an attorney who practices in your state or jurisdiction and has experience in the type or area of law you need help.

Many attorneys, like us, offer free initial consultations to discuss your situation and can schedule a telephone or physical appointment.

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