



# **How to prepare for your first meeting with a criminal defense attorney**

When you're charged with a crime, it can feel  
like your life has turned upside down.

At Crescent City Law, we've helped clients from  
all walks of life clear their good name  
and put their life back together.

**We're here to help you do the same.**



## Here are some things to keep in mind for your first meeting with your criminal defense attorney:



### Ask Questions:

You are hiring this attorney – not the other way around. Feel free to ask as many questions as you want before making a decision to hire this attorney or to look for someone else. Here are some questions we recommend you consider asking:

- What is your experience in handling cases similar to mine?
- What is your success rate in similar cases?
- What are the potential outcomes for my case?
- What challenges do you foresee?
- How do your fees and billing structure work?
- Do you know the local court system and judges in my jurisdiction?
- Do you have a team or resources to support my case?
- How and how often will we communicate about the progress of my case?



### Your Ideal Outcome for Your Case:

Before meeting with our criminal defense team, it's important to have a clear understanding of your desired case outcome. Whether it's dismissal, reduced charges, or an acquittal, conveying your goals at the outset will help your attorney tailor their strategy to your specific needs.



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### **Your Budget:**

Discuss your budget and legal fees with your attorney during your first meeting. Knowing the financial aspects upfront will help you plan accordingly and avoid any unexpected financial burdens as your case progresses.



### **What to Bring:**

To make the most of your initial consultation, remember to bring essential documents like police reports, court notices, and any other relevant evidence that can aid in your defense. Being organized and well-prepared will help your attorney get a better grasp of your case and offer more informed advice.

## **Crescent City Law** **Don't Let One Mistake Cancel Your Future!**

We understand this process can be daunting, but we are here to support you. We promise total transparency and communication throughout every step of your case. Call 504-264-9492 now to schedule a free consultation with our team so that we can get started on your case.