

DAVID SERENO LAW

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1) HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE?

CRIMINAL

I DO NOT CHARGE FOR THE INITIAL CONSULTATION. THAT CONSULTATION IS FREE. THIS FIRST MEETING IS USUALLY ABOUT AN HOUR AND SOMETIMES LONGER DEPENDING UPON THE ISSUES IN YOUR CASE.

THE FEE IN YOUR CASE IS DEPENDENT UPON THE WORK NECESSARY TO PROPERLY PREPARE YOUR CASE. I CHARGE A FLAT FEE. A FLAT FEE IS A SET FEE THAT COVERS THE ATTORNEY'S FEE FOR THE DURATION OF THE CASE.

SOME ATTORNEY'S CHARGE AN HOURLY RATE. THEY MAY INITIALLY ONLY REQUIRE A SMALL RETAINER. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ONCE THE RETAINER HAS BEEN EARNED THEY WILL BE REQUIRING MORE MONEY TO CONTINUE REPRESENTING YOU. WHILE MY FEE HAS A CAP, AN HOURLY RETAINER HAS NO MAXIMUM.

I CHARGE A FLAT FEE SO THE CLIENT FEELS COMFORTABLE CONTACTING ME AND DISCUSSING THEIR CASE WITHOUT THE WORRYING HOW MUCH THE PHONE CALL OR INTERVIEW WILL COST. I CHARGE A FLAT FEE BECAUSE I DO NOT WANT THE CLIENT TO WORRY ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF WORK BEING CONDUCTED ON THEIR CASE. WORK ON A FLAT FEE BASIS IS NOT CONSTRAINED BY THE CLIENT'S ABILITY TO PAY. IT IS ONLY GOVERNED BY THE NECESSITY OF PROPERLY PREPARING AND PRESENTING THE CLIENT'S CASE.

THIS FEE WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN MORE DETAIL AT YOUR FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION.

PERSONAL INJURY

I REPRESENT PEOPLE IN PERSONAL INJURY MATTERS ON A CONTINGENCY FEE BASIS. THIS MEANS THAT IF YOUR CASE IS NOT SETTLED OR WON IN YOUR FAVOR YOU WILL NOT PAY A FEE.

2) WHO WILL WE BE MEETING WITH AT THE FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION?

ONLY DAVID SERENO WILL CONDUCT THAT INTERVIEW. YOUR CHARGES ARE SERIOUS. YOU DESERVE TO SPEAK WITH THE SENIOR ATTORNEY IN THE OFFICE.

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3) WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE FREE CONSULTATION?

FIRST YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT EVERYTHING DISCUSSED AT THIS CONSULTATION IS CONFIDENTIAL.

I FIRST ANTICIPATE THAT THE CONSULTATION WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. SOME CONSULTATIONS ARE LONGER AND SOME ARE SHORTER DEPENDING ON THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CASE. IN EITHER EVENT IT COSTS YOU NOTHING.

WE WILL DISCUSS THE LEGAL PROCESS. I WILL INFORM YOU OF WHAT TYPE OF LEGAL EVENTS MAY BE HAPPENING TO YOU DURING THE DURATION OF YOUR CASE.

WE WILL THEN DISCUSS YOUR CASE IN DETAIL. DURING THAT DISCUSSION I WILL BEGIN TO DEVELOP DEFENSES THAT I BELIEVE ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU IN YOUR CASE BASED UPON THE INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE. I WILL DISCUSS ANY STRENGTHS OR WEAKNESS THAT I DETECT. WE WILL DISCUSS ANY SPECIAL ISSUES THAT I SEE BASED UPON MY INTERVIEW WITH YOU.

I WILL ANSWER OR ATTEMPT TO ANSWER ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

FINALLY WE WILL DISCUSS THE ATTORNEY'S FEES.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU RETAIN ME TO REPRESENT YOU I BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL LEAVE WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CASE.

4) WHAT CAN YOU GUARANTEE?

I CANNOT GUARANTEE ANY RESULT. I CAN ONLY GUARANTEE THAT MY SELF AND MY TEAM WILL WORK TIRELESSLY ON YOUR BEHALF.

5) WHAT TYPE OF CASES DO YOU HANDLE?

I AM EXPERIENCED IN ALL AREAS OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE. I ALSO REPRESENT PEOPLE SERIOUSLY INJURED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS. THIS IS KNOWN AS PERSONAL INJURY. I ALSO REPRESENT PEOPLE HOW HAVE BEEN INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF DOCTORS.

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6) HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PRACTICING LAW?

I HAVE BEEN PRACTICING LAW IN THE STATE OF HAWAII SINCE 1988.

7) DO YOU REPRESENT PEOPLE ON ALL ISLANDS?

MY OFFICE IS ON MAUI. I DO, HOWEVER, TRAVEL TO ALL ISLANDS TO REPRESENT CLIENTS.

8) WILL YOU JUDGE ME BASED UPON MY CHARGES OR WHAT I TELL YOU?

MY JOB IS NOT TO JUDGE YOU. MY JOB AND MY PASSION IS TO REPRESENT YOU EFFECTIVELY AND ZEALOUSLY. I BELIEVE THAT AN ATTORNEY WHO JUDGES THEIR CLIENT CANNOT PROPERLY REPRESENT THAT CLIENT. THE CLIENTS DO NOT SEEK OUT QUALITY LEGAL COUNSEL TO BE JUDGED. THEY SEEK OUT QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION SO THAT THEIR RIGHTS CAN BE PROPERLY PROTECTED AND TO OBTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULT. THAT IS MY GOAL. THAT IS MY MISSION.

9) WHEN CAN WE MEET FOR THIS FREE CONSULTATION?

WHILE I PREFER TO MEET WITH CLIENTS DURING OUR TYPICAL WORK DAY, I DO MEET WITH CLIENTS ON THE WEEKEND TO DISCUSS THEIR CASE. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE NERVOUS AND SCARED. YOUR APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

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