

Top 10 Questions to ask a Parenting Coordinator



Before your initial consultation it is essential that you prepare a list of questions to ask. The better prepared you are, the more likely it is that you will make a good decision regarding who to work with.

1. Are you a licensed attorney, mental health professional or some other professional? Are you specialized in family law?
2. What training do you have in parent coordination? Are you a member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the Association for Conflict Resolution, or the Alternative Dispute Resolution section of a Bar Association?
3. What percentage of your practice involves parenting coordination?
4. Do you abide by the standards of practice set out by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts in *Guidelines for Parent Coordination*?
5. Will I be working with you directly? If not, who will handle my case? When can I interview that person?
6. What do you charge/hour? Are there different billing rates for the different types of work that you might do for my case (e.g. going to court)? Will I get a detailed invoice from you on a monthly basis?
7. In total what is your estimate as to what my case will cost? What is your policy on setting up a payment plan? Do I need to pay a retainer? Can you please explain your retainer policy?
8. Are your services available during the week? During business hours? Evenings? Week-ends? What kind of crisis support is available and when - during business hours or 24 hours?
9. Do you have malpractice insurance? Is your professional license in good standing?
10. What will you expect of me? How can I help to bring these problems to an end in a way that is good for the whole family?