How to Spot a BAD Bankruptcy Attorney!

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If you are considering filing for <u>bankruptcy</u>, proceed with caution when it comes to hiring an attorney to represent you. Not all attorneys are equal. In fact, not all lawyers are qualified to handle bankruptcy cases. Thus, it is important to look for signs that you are choosing the right lawyer for you:

- Retainer Agreement. This is the contract between the client and attorney which sets forth the responsibilities of both parties. It is required by law, so if the attorney does not have a <u>retainer agreement</u>, you should reconsider hiring him/her.
- **Experience**. It is crucial that you make sure the attorney you are going to hire has significant experience in handling bankruptcy cases. Bankruptcy law can be complex and you want your lawyer to be knowledgeable and prepared to represent you in all matters related to your case.
- **Communication**. The key to a successful case is open communication between you and your attorney. If the lawyer does not adequately answer your questions, it is not a good sign.
- Reputation. It is important to research a bankruptcy attorney's reputation and credentials. You can contact the applicable State Bar Association to see if any disciplinary actions have been taken against the attorney. You may also want to ask around about the lawyer and ask if other clients have been happy with her services.

Remember, sometimes you actually get what you pay for! So don't pick your bankruptcy attorney simply on the low rate charged, make sure your attorney is experienced and knowledgeable!

If you are interested in learning more about Chapter 7, Chapter 11, or Chapter 13 bankruptcy, contact McDowell Riga Posternock PC at 856-528-3389. Bankruptcy is designed to give people who are in financial difficulty a "fresh start." Thus, if your debts are causing you undue stress, you should call us for a free initial consultation to discuss whether bankruptcy is the right option for you. Our New Jersey offices are located in Moorestown, Maple Shade, and Willingboro. Our Pennsylvania offices are located in Bryn Mawr and Philadelphia.