



Attorney Identification Process

1. Finding the best attorney is the most important part of the estate planning process. It may take a little time and effort. As with any important matter start with prayer.
2. If possible, try to work with an attorney who is both a believer and an estate planning attorney. If you can not locate such an attorney, proceed with an attorney who is competent in estate planning.
3. To locate such an attorney, you should ask the pastor and/or leaders of your home church for the name of a Christian attorney. You can also ask a business owner in your church who probably deals with attorneys. Excellent referrals are very important!
4. You may refer to the Christian Legal Society's website (www.clsnet.org) and link to the Attorney Referral section at the top right side of the homepage. Or, you may also call the telephone number for their national office on the bottom of the homepage, and ask for a referral in your area. You may also refer to the Shepherd's Guide Yellow Pages for your area.
5. Here are some questions you can ask the prospective attorney to help you decide if he or she is right for you:
 - A. How much of the attorney's time is spent in estate planning law. Estate planning is a technical area of the law and it would be better if you could use an attorney who spends a large percentage of his or her time doing estate planning law.
 - B. Will the attorney meet with you and analyze your own particular situation without charge? If not, keep looking.
 - C. Will the attorney give you a not-to-exceed fee for whatever estate planning work is needed? If not, you may be surprised later at the size of the bill, and may not have adequately budgeted for it.
6. There are a variety of ways to plan for your family and loved ones. To learn more on how you can protect your family, please go to our website at www.AwanaFE.org.