CRIMINAL-DEFENSE INTAKE / 01

INDEX THE PRIVATE INTAKE WITHOUT CASE FACTS

Use neutral labels only. Move every fact, identity and record to a private channel chosen with counsel.

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Matter A / neutral label only / no name or case number

Court or agency venue question / no location or allegation

Next known event A / broad label only / no date

Counsel route question / retained, appointed or unresolved

Private record category A / no content or participant

Urgent timing question / discuss directly with attorney

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MAP REPRESENTATION STAGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Ask counsel to define stages and responsibilities in writing; do not infer that any stage is included.

Consultation role / attorney-defined purpose and limits

Pretrial or early-stage role / included or excluded

Hearing or trial role / included or excluded

Post-resolution or appeal question / included or referral

Team member and communication role / written responsibility

Change, withdrawal or transition question / written process

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CHECK THE NON-SENSITIVE CONSULTATION PACKET

Tick what is organized. These checks do not establish legal rights, counsel eligibility or representation.

- [ ] Neutral labels replace names and case numbers
- [ ] No charges, allegations or case facts are recorded
- [ ] No dates, locations, witnesses or evidence are recorded
- [ ] Official federal sources are labeled as context only
- [ ] Retained or appointed-counsel route remains unresolved here
- [ ] Consultation and representation stages are separated
- [ ] Included and excluded work will be requested in writing
- [ ] Complete fees and team responsibilities will be compared

Venue or court-route question still open / responsible reviewer

Representation-stage question still open / attorney response

Private handoff or communication question still open / owner

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QUESTIONS FOR A CRIMINAL-DEFENSE ATTORNEY

Ask every attorney the same venue, counsel-route, stage, team and written-terms questions.

Venue and experience: which jurisdictions and matter types fit?

Urgency: how should the next-event question be raised privately?

Counsel route: what retained or appointed boundaries apply?

Scope: what consultation, hearing, trial or later work is included?

Team: who communicates, appears and records decisions?

Terms: what fees, exclusions, changes and transition duties apply?

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COMPARE THE SAME NON-SENSITIVE BRIEF

Use Attorneys A and B with the same neutral questions. Keep case facts in private consultations.

Attorneys A / B / consultation references / no case facts

Venue, availability and counsel-route explanation - A / B

Included and excluded stages, team and communication - A / B

Complete fees, changes, transition and fit - A / B

READY TO HEAR FROM PROS?

Create an account on PickYourPro.ai only if you choose, then start a Criminal Defense Attorney request. Share only a neutral Matter A and representation-scope brief so participating attorneys can compete with proposals. Keep all facts, identities and records private. Compare relevant experience, written scope, complete fees, communication and fit. A private consultation and conflicts check may be needed before engagement.

One request. Every pro's best offer.

Start a request

Participation varies. A private consultation, conflicts check and secure record review may be needed before engagement.

Planning guide: https://www.pickyourpro.ai/services/attorney-criminal-defense

U.S. Courts: Criminal Cases (official reference)

U.S. Courts: Defender Services (official reference)

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