

## Consultation Guide

Your relationship with an attorney begins with the initial consultation, which is a confidential meeting where you can discuss your legal matter with a lawyer. **What Happens**

In this video, Tully Rinckey PLLC Managing Partner Greg T. Rinckey explains what you should expect to happen during your initial consultation: You will inform the attorney of your legal matter, including your goals and unique situation.

You will receive advice and opinions on your legal matter from the attorney.

You will decide, with the help of the attorney, the best course of action to resolve your legal matter.

### Why You Need a Lawyer

The practice of law is complex. An attempt to independently resolve your legal matter without the help of experienced counsel could hurt your prospects for a positive resolution. During your initial consultation, you will learn why it is in your best interest to be represented by a lawyer. A Tully Rinckey PLLC attorney, for example, could help you with following:  
Determining whether your potential claim is legally valid and identifying ways it can be preserved;

Explaining in simple terms any rules or laws that are applicable to your potential claim;

Making sure deadlines are met;

Presenting evidence and making legal arguments to support your claim;

Examining and cross-examining witnesses; and

Negotiating a settlement.

### Consultation Tips

An initial consultation can set the tone for your case. Here are a few tips on how to get started on the right foot: Remember that whatever you disclose to an attorney during the initial consultation will be kept confidential.

Don't withhold information that, despite being embarrassing or personal in nature, is relevant to your legal matter. An attorney's assessment can be skewed by incomplete disclosures.

Present the facts to the attorney as objectively as possible. Exaggerations or understatements could skew the attorney's assessment of your legal matter.

Supply the attorney with contact information for people relevant to your legal matter.

Supply the attorney with relevant – but not excessive—documentation.

Don't hesitate to ask questions about your legal matter or the attorney's experience.

Know that, even if you do not retain the attorney after the initial consultation, whatever you disclosed to him or her will remain confidential.

Tully Rinckey PLLC's attorneys represent clients throughout Rochester, Batavia, Geneseo, Canandaigua, Albion, Elmira, Horseheads, Corning, Hornell, Watkins Glen, Seneca Falls, Geneva, Lyons, Marion, Warsaw, and Penn Yan. Call today to schedule a meeting with one of our lawyers at 585-492-4700

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