WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING THE ATTORNEY FOR YOU

The internet is your oyster. There are endless searches one can make when looking to hire an attorney. What are some of the things to consider and what questions should you be asking? First and foremost, you want to retain an attorney you are comfortable and confident in. Some of the top questions you should ask when vetting a criminal defense team to put on your side:

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU PRACTICED CRIMINAL LAW?
2. HAVE YOU HANDLED CASES LIKE MINE BEFORE?
3. WHAT IS YOUR STRATEGY?
4. DO YOU HAVE PAST CLIENT TESTIMONIALS?
5. HOW WILL WE COMMUNICATE INFORMATION ABOUT MY CASE?

If you or a loved one has been charged with a crime, you want the right attorney for you and your situation. After all, it’s your life, your reputation and your freedom that you want to protect. That starts with asking the right questions.
Staff Spotlight

First Impressions are everything. Annette runs the front desk and facilitates all phone calls for the firm. She joined our team near the end of 2020 and has been an asset to the team ever since. Get to know Annette in this month’s staff spotlight.

Who inspires you and why?

My best friend, Pat. She always makes me look at things so different that I look at them sometimes.

What was the best concert you ever attended? If you haven’t attended your favorite concert yet, who would you like to see in concert? What is your favorite song from that artist?

Toby Keith, I’ve seen him so many times. Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue.

Where’s your favorite place in the world?

Australia.

What’s your favorite movie? And why?

Pretty Woman, I like happy endings.

What is something that most people don’t know about you?

I can’t say, then people would know it about me!

Q: What is white collar crime?

A: Because of their non-violent nature, the general public does not tend to think of white-collar crimes as being particularly serious. However, the state and federal governments do not share this view. Identity fraud, extortion, forgery and mail fraud are some of the state white collar offenses individuals are frequently charged with. State punishments for white collar criminal convictions depend on the jurisdiction in which they are convicted. Federal offenders are punished in accordance with the federal sentencing guidelines. For instance, someone who is found guilty of mail fraud may be fined up to $1 million and sentenced to as long as 30 years in prison.

Do you have a favorite family tradition? If yes, what is it and why do you love it?

I buy my granddaughters, Ella and Emerson, a porcelain Christmas Ornament every year with their name and year on it. I love it because they get so excited and when they get older, they will have an assortment of beautiful handmade ornaments.

Do you follow sports? If yes, favorite team and sport. If no, what do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Kansas City Chiefs and football.

What’s your favorite recipe?

I have lots of favorites but at the moment it is my potato soup.

What did 2020 teach you?

To try and be more patient with people and staying home and getting things done that have been put off forever is not so bad.
EASY CLASSIC BLUEBERRY PIE

Pie dough (can be store bought or homemade)
¾ cup granulated sugar
¾ cup cornstarch
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
6 cups blueberries (about 2 pounds)
1 tablespoon of butter, cut into small squares
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon of heavy cream
1 tablespoon of course sugar, for garnish

April 28th is National Blueberry Pie Day. Celebrate by making this sweet treat!

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Roll out half of the pie dough to fit an 8- or 9-inch pie dish. To prevent the dough from sticking and to ensure uniform thickness, roll from the center of the dough outwards and keep lifting up and turning the dough a quarter turn as you roll. Refrigerate while you make the pie filling.

2. Stir sugar, cornstarch, lemon peel, allspice, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. Add blueberries and gently toss to combine. Transfer the blueberry filling to the prepared pie crust. Refrigerate while you prepare the lattice crust.

3. Roll out the second half of dough to a similar size as before. Cut into 3/4-inch strips. Lay five strips over filled pie, parallel and equally spaced from one another. Fold back first, third and fifth strips then lay another strip of dough perpendicular. Repeat until the pie has been covered with a lattice crust.

4. Make egg wash by whisking egg yolk and heavy cream together and brush over pie dough. Sprinkle tablespoon of coarse sugar over crust. Refrigerate for 20 minutes before baking.

5. Bake chilled pie on baking sheet for 20 minutes, reduce heat to 350 degrees then continue baking for 35-45 minutes, or until crust is golden. Cool completely before cutting.

Testimonials

What Our Clients Say

"Joe and his staff are miracle workers. Faced with an OVI and several other charges, I was on the verge of losing everything. Within 2 minutes of a phone consultation Joe gave me a clear, realistic, set of goals for my case. He immediately found a legal technicality that allowed me to still drive my company vehicle, and I was able to keep my job. Joe then devised a strategy, and we stuck with it.

Ultimately, Joe got all of my OVI charges dismissed, and I happily pled guilty to a couple of smaller charges. To say that Joe knows his stuff is an understatement, and there seems to be an ease about him in the courtroom that I just didn't see with other lawyers. Amazing OVI lawyer, and worth every penny. Thanks Joe."

GWladys, Former Client

The Kentucky Lawyer Podcast

The Kentucky Lawyer Podcast with Brad Clark

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Trivia Challenge

What is the largest grocery and supermarket chain in the United States?

A. Walmart  B. Kroger  C. Albertsons  D. Aldi

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