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MCMAHAN LAW FIRM PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO LEGAL REPRESENTATION:

Asking the Right Questions Provides Strong Foundation for Best Legal Strategies

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (April 23, 2019)--- Imagine the unthinkable. You or a loved one has just been involved in an accident. While medical professionals begin the process of addressing the physical issues, decisions have to quickly be made about what if any legal steps to take.

The professionals of McMahn Law Firm, one of Chattanooga's best-known law firms, noted the importance of having the right team in place to provide legal representation. Traveling around or through town, billboards are easily viewed that claim the effectiveness of various law firms; however, less than two percent are board-certified in the State of Tennessee.

The Tennessee Commission on CLE and Specialization certifies attorneys as specialists and currently, there are approximately 300 attorneys who are certified specialists in one of fourteen areas of practice. Both Brent Burks and Jay Kenamer partners at the McMahan Law Firm, are board-certified and have achieved significant experience in specific areas of the law, maintained legal malpractice insurance, passed exhaustive examinations, attended continuing legal educational (CLE) seminars and received positive references from other attorneys who are familiar with their practice and character.

For those who've been impacted by the action of another, here are the top ten questions and things to know about a lawyer before becoming a client:

1. Is your attorney board certified?
2. If so, in what areas does he or she have expertise?
3. Is your attorney licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee? Can he or she actually practice in any of the courts within our local legal system?
4. Lawyers are prohibited from active solicitation of representation. If an attorney contacts you following an incident, he or she should be reported.
5. Know the track record your lawyer has with cases like yours.
6. Having a local office staffed by those who will be handling your case is critical as details will be shared and actions will need to be taken in a timely fashion.
7. Will your lawyer share references with you from cases similar to yours?

8. Will the lawyer you are interviewing be your lawyer or will he or she hand your case off to someone else?
9. How long has your lawyer practiced in the local legal system and in which courts?
10. What is the contractual financial agreement you'll have with your lawyer?

All of the above questions are easy to ask and even easier to answer by lawyers who adhere the highest ethical and legal standards.

Brent Burks said, "We are seeing more and more out-of-town firms soliciting business in the Chattanooga area. It is incredible that they are preying on individuals when they are at their most vulnerable. Our firm does all we can to provide effective and efficient legal representation. Both Jay and I became board-certified, not because it was easy, but because it sets a high bar in our industry. Our clients can rest assured that their needs will be met."

Jay Kenamer noted, "We hope as the public considers engaging a law firm, they will take the time to learn as much as possible about the legal team they are considering. A great way to start is by visiting: <http://www.tbpr.org/>, the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility. With the constant entry of out-of-town law firms that open store-fronts and to take advantage of individuals, it's important for the consumer to beware."

ABOUT McMAHAN LAW FIRM

Founded in 1992, McMahan Law Firm is one of the region's oldest firms specializing in personal injury law. Located in downtown Chattanooga and West Knoxville, the firm has five attorneys and 25 professionals working every day to represent those who seek legal assistance. In 2016, the firm was awarded approximately \$25 million on behalf of their clients. With a track record in the courtroom as well as the communities they serve, McMahan Law Firm is top of mind for those seeking a successful outcome for their legal issues. To learn more about the firm, visit www.McMahanLawFirm.com like them on Facebook at: McMahan Law Firm or follow them on Twitter: @AsktheInsiders. McMahan Law Firm: Insiders equally at home in the court room and the community.

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