

**7 COSTLY MISTAKES TO AVOID WHEN
CHOOSING A CHICAGO DIVORCE AND FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY**

- MISTAKE #1:** Choosing an attorney who does not concentrate his or her law practice in the areas of divorce and family law. The law has become very complex. The days of the “general practitioner” are over. Choose an attorney who focuses his or her law practice on divorce and family law.
- MISTAKE #2:** Choosing an attorney who does not support your effort to settle your legal matters out of court. Continued legal fights can be very costly. Choose an attorney who is cost conscious.
- MISTAKE #3:** Choosing an attorney whose fees are very low compared to “market rates.” You should be concerned about the quality of an attorney’s work when the fee is discounted. Choose an attorney who charges you at least a “5” on a fee scale ranging from 1–10. Family law matters are serious, and it is not an appropriate time to shop for the lowest price.
- MISTAKE #4:** Choosing an attorney who is in downtown Chicago and not easily accessible. Choose an attorney who is relatively close to your home or office and who can offer hassle free parking.
- MISTAKE #5:** Choosing an attorney who does not make himself or herself accessible for evening and weekend appointments. We know how difficult it can be for you to take time off of work for attorney-client meetings. Choose an attorney who is willing to work around your schedule.
- MISTAKE #6:** Choosing an attorney who does not handle contested family law cases. Some attorneys are not comfortable handling contested matters in the courts. Choose an attorney who will competently and aggressively represent your interests in court, as well as out of court.
- MISTAKE #7:** Choosing an attorney who provides “one-size fits all” legal representation. Choose an attorney who will provide representation that is appropriate for your particular circumstances. Each family law case is unique.