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The goal of your initial consultation is to figure out if the firm is a good fit for you and your situation. You should ask about the firm's experience and their recommendations, and you should assess if they are a good personality match for you. Some of the below questions are straight-forward and common sense, and others are designed to help you measure the less obvious.

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EXPERIENCE:

What is your experience working with divorcing people? Is divorce the main part of your practice, or do you also do another kind of law? Do you have a lot of experience with cases like mine? Be specific and ask about experience negotiating issues such as child support, spousal support, large financial settlements, or business valuations.

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RESPONSIVENESS:

How long does it take the firm to respond to phone calls and e-mails? What if I have an emergency on the weekend or during a holiday?

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STRATEGY:

What strategies would you use to try to settle my case?
How likely are we to go to trial?



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HAPPINESS:

Do you like your job as an attorney?
Why or why not?

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RESOLUTION ORIENTED:

What are your personal feelings about the advantages and disadvantages of negotiating versus going to Court?

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ADVICE:

What is one piece of advice you give to every client?

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FAMILIARITY:

Do you know my spouse's attorney? If so, how are they likely to handle my spouse's case? What if my spouse doesn't have an attorney yet?

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OPTIONS:

What dispute resolution processes are available to me? Can you tell me about mediation and arbitration? Would these processes be appropriate for my situation or not?

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WORKING TOGETHER:

How will we work together to get the best result? What are your expectations of me as a client? Do you have a heavy case load? Will you have time to devote to my case?

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COSTS:

How does the fee structure work in your firm and what strategies do you employ to get the best value for my money? What is your hourly rate, and can I work with other members of your team at a lower cost?



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