

## Estate & Trust Litigation

When you call Bagley & Rhody, you'll be answered by our welcoming receptionist, who will obtain basic information from you and direct you to the litigation team to begin the intake process.

A member of the litigation team will explain the intake process and consultation policy, obtain some basic information from you, ensure there are no conflicts with interested and adverse parties to your specific matter to ensure we are able to represent you, and ask you for any relevant documentation.

This initial information will be relayed to an attorney for review. Someone may reach back out to you to request additional information. Our goal is to have as much information as possible to ensure that we are able to take on your matter and to ensure that the initial call or meeting is as productive as possible.

Once we complete our review of the information and documentation you have provided to us, we will then determine if it is a matter that we are willing or able to handle.

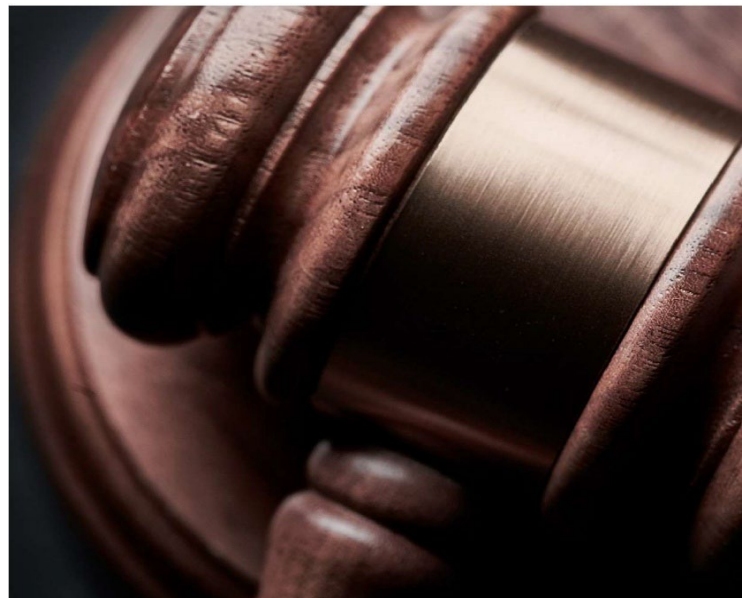
We are not able to take on every potential litigation matter. If we cannot assist, we will notify you and if we have any recommendations for potential referrals, will relay that to you. If we determine that we are unable to assist you prior to an initial consultation, there is no charge for our initial review.

If we are able to move forward, we will set up an initial one-hour meeting for which we charge a \$500 consultation fee. Payment of the consultation fee is required before the meeting. Almost every meeting will include two team members, the lead attorney and a supporting team member. This allows us to provide you with the utmost attention and allows us to be readily available to answer any questions or concerns you may have at any time.

After the meeting, you will receive our engagement letter outlining the terms of our legal services.

Almost all litigation matters require an upfront retainer and are billed on an hourly basis with a credit for the consultation fee. If there is a possibility of a contingency arrangement, we will let you know; but most estate and trust related litigation matters are not appropriate for a contingency.

Throughout the process, you will continue to receive status updates and information about the next steps in the process. Every litigation matter is different. We understand that the litigation process can be overwhelming and stressful. Our goal is to be your guide and to obtain resolution of the conflict.



*We pride ourselves on being team players and not overstepping our areas of practice. We enjoy close working relationships with other professionals and if you have a matter that we are not comfortable handling, we will let you know and refer you to someone we know can best handle your needs.*