

My draft review of the conduct of lawyer Marc Shuman, I grade is conduct an F, a lawyer not to hire.

Lawyer Marc Shuman

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Grade: F

Types of Lawyers Not to Hire: Red Flags and Reasons

When seeking legal representation, it's crucial to choose a competent and ethical lawyer. Unfortunately, not all lawyers meet these standards. My experience with Marc Shuman, owner of Shuman Legal, serves as a cautionary tale. Here are several types of lawyers you should avoid, along with the red flags that indicate you might need to reconsider your choice.

1. The Uncommunicative Lawyer

Red Flags:

- **Lack of Communication:** Marc Shuman failed to return my phone calls regarding the status of out-of-court negotiations for my car accident personal injury claim (Travelers Insurance claim no. IFX-1879). I had to stop all my work to make phone calls, even reaching out to Glen Lerner, who advertises "In a wreck, get a check," only to find out he doesn't litigate in Illinois.
- **Unclear Updates:** Shuman and his colleagues, Donovan Fechner and Christine Kim, lied about material facts. They claimed they couldn't send the demand letter to Qui Qui Phillips, the insurance adjuster, due to a COVID-19 backlog. This forced me to take time away from my physical therapy with Dr. John, who was treating me for my car accident injuries. Marc knew I was in pain and needed my time free from his negligence to try to resume water fasting.

Reasons to Avoid:

- **Missed Deadlines:** Poor communication can lead to missed deadlines, severely impacting your case. Marc Shuman missed the deadline to give the insurance adjuster at least 30 days to make a reasonable offer. He sent the demand letter on 5/16/2022, not allowing the adjuster to make a fair offer before the two-year statute of limitations on 5/24/2022.
- **Increased Anxiety:** Lack of updates can cause unnecessary stress and anxiety, worsening an already difficult situation. Marc forced me to fire him due to his negligence and incompetence. He failed to consult with me, his client, and did not explain his valuation of only \$46,500 in his demand letter. His demand letter did not reflect my car accident injuries and set my legal matter up for failure, as proven by a recorded phone call with Travelers on 6/24/2022.

Marc Shuman also filed a lawsuit against the wrong person, failed to serve notice on Travelers Insurance and Abigail Bird (the defendant), causing a DWP (Dismissal for Want of Prosecution) by Roger Rickmon. This caused me sleepless nights, high blood pressure, and additional medical bills. Marc's actions added stress and anxiety, causing me to miss physical therapy for my knee injury. He even made up defamatory letters about me, robbing me of my time to draft bill disputes and cease-and-desist letters.

2. The Unethical Lawyer

Red Flags:

- **Fraud and Misrepresentation:** Marc Shuman engaged in fraud, breaching our contract to negotiate and settle out of court. He lied about me on paper, defaming me. The fact that Marc set my legal matter up for failure, as proven by clear evidence, is proof of his unethical behavior. I had to spend my time filing a valid complaint with the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (IARDC) against Marc. The IARDC's failure to address my allegations properly is egregious, forcing me to send a certified letter to the director of the IARDC to file a complaint against James Needles.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Marc's actions showed a clear conflict of interest, as he was more interested in his gain than my well-being.

Reasons to Avoid:

- **Breach of Duty:** Marc Shuman defrauded me out of over \$46,500, as proven by the DWP issued by Judge Roger Rickmon. He failed to fulfill his duties as my lawyer, resulting in a \$0 attorney bill/lien that he refused to provide in a timely manner, preventing me from negotiating and settling out of court.
- **Time and Financial Loss:** Marc is a time bandit and a thief. His negligence and incompetence forced me to spend more time and money correcting his mistakes. He added unnecessary stress and anxiety, causing me to miss crucial medical treatments.

Conclusion

Choosing the right lawyer is essential to ensure your legal matters are handled competently and ethically. My experience with Marc Shuman highlights the importance of avoiding uncommunicative and unethical lawyers. Always look for red flags such as poor communication, missed deadlines, fraud, and conflicts of interest. By being vigilant, you can protect yourself from legal malpractice and ensure your case is in good hands. For more detailed accounts and updates on legal malpractice and conflicts of interest, visit www.lawyersnottohire.com