



CHECKLIST FOR SELECTING A LAWYER/NOTARY

You need a lawyer (or a notary in Quebec) to protect your legal interests. He or she will review all contracts before you sign them, especially the Offer (or Agreement) to Purchase. Having a lawyer/notary involved in the process will give you peace of mind and ensure that things go as smoothly as possible. This checklist will help you evaluate different lawyers (or notaries) and help you to decide which is best for you.

Lawyer/Notary Checklist

Name of Lawyer/Notary:

Contact:

Question	Lawyer/Notary
Are you a full-time lawyer licensed to practice in this province/territory?	
Do you specialize in real estate law?	
How much do you charge?	
What services do you provide?	
Do you help clients when they are negotiating the price of a house?	
Can you give me names and telephone numbers of three of your recent clients who have purchased homes?	
Do you have experience working with first-time buyers? (only relevant if you are a first-time home buyer)	
Is there anything I haven't asked about you or your firm that you think I should know?	



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