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The following guidelines may be helpful:

Contact several attorneys, brief describe the nature of the services you desire, and find out the attorney's qualifications and experience. Ask for a written schedule of fees charged for the services you need. Do not turn over documents or funds until you are certain the attorney understands your legal needs and will handle your case.

If you cannot afford an attorney, Public Solicitor, Mr. Jacob Kausiama may be able to assist you. The telephone number is (678) 33160 and fax (678) 23451.

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When dealing with your attorney find out how the attorney plans to represent you. Ask specific questions and expect the attorney to explain the legal process and the legal activities planned on your behalf, in a language you understand. Have your attorney analyze your case and give you the positive and negative aspects and probable outcome. Tell the attorney every relevant fact needed to represent your interest.

Ask your attorney to keep you advised of the progress on your case accordingly to a pre-established schedule. Request copies of all letters and documents prepared on your behalf.

If the services of your attorney prove unsatisfactory or if require additional attorneys you may call Mr. Juris Ozol the President of the Vanuatu Law Society on Telephone (678) 26740; Fax (678) 26742

To obtain an attorney in the United States or in another country, check The Lawyer's List website on www.thelawyerslist.net or at Text-Only Guide to Martindale_Hubbell's site at www.martindale.com

Port Vila

RIDGWAY BLAKE LAWYERS

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Main fields of practice: Litigation and commercial

Firm Services: No, but can source

Firm Members: Garry Blake and Nigel Morrison

Languages: English, French and Bislama (National language)

Firm Associates: Evelyn Robert

Note: *We also run cases in Santo and if required will travel to other Islands depending on needs and the case.*

Note: *We have done sporadic work for firms and corporations but do not have regular US clients*

