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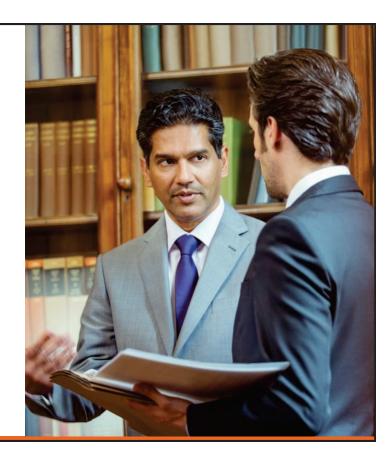
# Who Are You? And What Are You?

- 1. You are highly trained.
- 2. You know how to do many tasks.
- 3. But why do people hire you?

#### Because you are a problem-solver.

Change your perspective- look at your work as "problem-solving."

Your job is to get the most complete solution at the most reasonable costs -- consistent with justice.



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#### <sup>4</sup> In your role as a lawyer, you are a Fiduciary



- What is a fiduciary?
- Types of fiduciaries? Who can serve?
- Implications of such service on liability
- Duties imposed on lawyers
- Confidentiality of information
- Office practice





## **Definitions and Elements**

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### What is a fiduciary?



#### A fiduciary can be:

- A person
- A trust
- A capacity between entities
- A duty
- A relationship
- A doctrine





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