

10 Things to Consider *Before* Hiring a Wedding Officiant

1) Your Wedding Ceremony is ***REALLY*** Important

Marriage is a life-long commitment and in many ways that commitment becomes "official" at your wedding ceremony! This is truly a very special moment in time that you will cherish for the rest of your life.

Choose a Wedding Officiant that approaches every wedding ceremony individually and with the importance it truly deserves.

2) There's More to a Wedding Ceremony Than You Think

An incredibly memorable and meaningful wedding ceremony doesn't just happen. It's not just a bunch of words, a reading, "I Do," and then the exchange of wedding rings. The best wedding ceremonies are meticulously designed with elements decided upon as a result of careful thought and planning. It takes time, but it's totally worth it.

Choose a Wedding Officiant that will work with you closely to make sure your wedding ceremony and vows are everything you want them to be.

3) It's About You!

There are many different pieces that all should work together to make your wedding ceremony very special, but it really should be about YOU and your new life-partner! Your ceremony will be remembered because of the sharing of YOUR story, how you met, what is significant about your relationship and why you have chosen to make this powerful commitment to one another.

Choose an experienced Wedding Officiant that will take the time to learn more about you, who you and your partner are, why you are together as a couple, and then create a wedding ceremony that tells YOUR STORY.

4) Unique Wedding Ceremonies

No two couples are exactly alike. A unique and personalized wedding ceremony is what you and your guests will enjoy, listen closely to, and remember for years to come.

Choose a Wedding Officiant that takes the time to ask you a lot of questions, offers helpful advice and guidance, and is available to work with you to create an INCREDIBLY meaningful and touching wedding ceremony.

5) Setting the Tone

In many ways your wedding ceremony sets the tone for the rest of the day, and the rest of your lives together as a married couple. This should be an important consideration when planning your wedding ceremony.

Choose a Wedding Officiant who is willing to individualize your wedding ceremony after taking the time to learn more about each of you, who you are as a couple, and what message you most want to share with your guests joining you on your wedding day.

6) Customization

Creating a memorable wedding ceremony, one that incorporates your history, religious beliefs, cultural components and preferences, requires a high-degree of experience and flexibility.

Choose an experienced Wedding Officiant that will work with you, from the first conversation through wedding day, to customize and craft your wedding ceremony and vows.

7) Experience Matters

Great wedding ceremonies have a flow and continuity. In many ways, a great ceremony IS the cornerstone of your wedding day! Choose a Wedding Officiant with years of credible experience who has worked with a wide scope of couples from varied backgrounds, religions, spiritual beliefs, and cultures.

Be certain to select a Professional, a seasoned Wedding Officiant who has the experience and flexibility to skillfully design your perfect wedding ceremony. Find the reviews and recommendations from other couples and read them carefully. If you feel a "connection," and love what you've read, you probably have found your ideal Wedding Officiant!

8) Paperwork

It's important to remember that there's legal paperwork that needs to be completed properly and in a timely manner.

An experienced Wedding Officiant will know how to secure, complete, and appropriately file the necessary legal documents with the correct agency.

9) Guidance & Advice

Many variables must be considered and incorporated seamlessly into a great wedding ceremony.

Choose a Wedding Officiant who will work with you and answer ALL your questions, providing you with guidance and the suggestions necessary to create a unique wedding ceremony and wedding vows that are perfect for you!

10) Have You Considered Pre-Marital Counseling?

Pre-Marital Counseling has many benefits for couples who are getting married. Life sometimes will get stormy and navigating it with your new partner can be challenging. Think of pre-marital counseling as a map to help you manage some of the bumps in the road.

Choose a Wedding Officiant that offers pre-marital counseling, and also has the skills necessary to help prepare you for the challenges that may arise in your new life together.

WeddingWire Reviews (170+ Reviews, 5 Star Rated)

“Mark and Norma are completely professional event officiants. This past Sunday they performed our wedding ceremony. They spoke to our history, our family members and our future together. The ceremony was warm and touching with humor and love throughout. In the weeks leading up to the wedding they were available to council us, help us with our vows, and offer suggestions for our ceremony. We are so lucky to have worked with them and recommend them without reservation.” – Beth



“Norma truly captured our spirit and performed an amazingly personal and inspiring ceremony. She was a support throughout the entire process, providing insight and guidance while also listening to our ideas. Highly Recommended!” – Danni

“Mark was amazing! Alex and I both feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to meet Mark & have him officiate our wedding! He really took the time to get to know us & the ceremony was so thoughtful & heartfelt. He was just awesome! Highly Highly Highly recommended. Thank you Mark!!” – Jayne & Alex



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