

Client Selection, Contracts and Handling Complaints

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3 Preview- Vibrant, Effective Communication



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The Potential Client



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Documenting Representation



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Running Your Office



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Handling Client Complaints

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4 5 common problems of the American lawyer

1. Communication- not responding to Client Inquiries
2. Neglect
3. Handling the ongoing Attorney-Client Relationship
4. Poor Billing Habits
5. Misuse of IOLTA (or "IOTA" in some states) Trust Accounts

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PART 1

The Potential Client

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What Business Are You In?

- You are Problem Solvers
- You are Professionals
- Often you see people at a low-point in their lives
- Be Sensitive, Attentive & Thorough
- Your goal: “Reasonable Expectations”



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