

A Crash Course in Legal Marketing

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A Quick Look at What I'll Cover

- Part 1: Legal Marketing Basics
- Part 2: Intermediate Legal Marketing
- Part 3: The “Gathering Leads” Marketing Strategy
 - Part 3(a): Local (and Legal) Business Listings
 - Part 3(b): PPC and the Client Lever
 - Part 3(c): SEO and Content Marketing
 - Part 3(d): Referrals and the Client Cycle
- Conclusion
- Q&A (~15 Minutes)

My 4 Main Goals for this Presentation

1. Make a distinction between “legal marketing” and “business development.” (Part 1)
2. Make a case for why a balanced strategy is optimal in the legal marketing space. (Part 1)
3. Explain several intermediate legal marketing topics. (Part 2)
4. Promote the “Gathering Leads” marketing plan strategy. (Part 3)

Part 1: Legal Marketing Basics

Welcome to Legal Marketing 101

What *is* Legal Marketing?

- “Legal marketing” is a broad term that refers to the multi-step process of attracting, converting, and serving clients in a way that results in a net profit for your firm.
- “Legal marketing” is a philosophy that combines two professional practices.
- “Legal marketing” can be broken down into two phases: marketing strategy and business development.

What is Legal Marketing

- “Marketing strategy” refers to the careful, measured process of attracting leads to the firm.
- “Business development” refers to a broad range of targeted initiatives for qualifying and converting those leads once they step through your door.

What is Business Development?

“Business development is the creation of long-term value for an organization from customers, markets, and relationships.” — Scott Pollack (some guy on Forbes)

What is Business Development?

- **Customers (Clients)** – Aligning and developing your business to better match and serve your target audience.
- **Markets** – Exploring new sources of income to promote continual growth.
- **Relationships** – Identifying, developing, and leveraging new relationships that can lead to long-term value and profit.

Legal Marketing v. Business Development

- **Attorney perspective:**
“Legal marketing is part of my business development plan.”
- **Marketer perspective:**
“Business development is part of my marketing plan.”



How is Business Development Different from Legal Marketing?

There are three types of attorneys in the current job market:

- Attorneys with clients
- Attorneys who work for attorneys with clients
- Attorneys who have no clients

How is Business Development Different from Legal Marketing?

- Business development is how you go from being an attorney with no clients to an attorney who works for the attorneys with clients.
- Legal marketing is how you transition into being the attorney with clients.
- It also distinguishes you from the attorneys who have no clients (generally, these are the attorneys who *failed* at both business development and legal marketing).

Key Industry Terms You Should Know

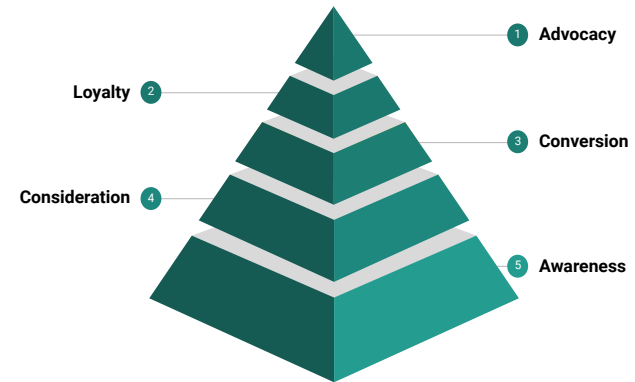
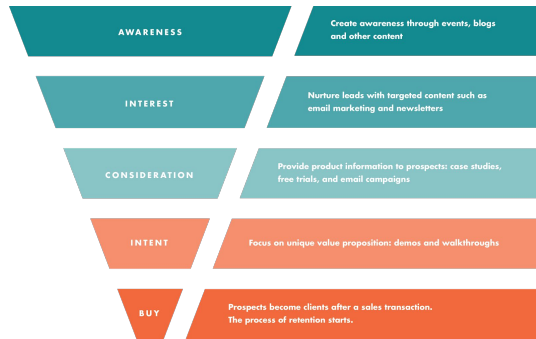
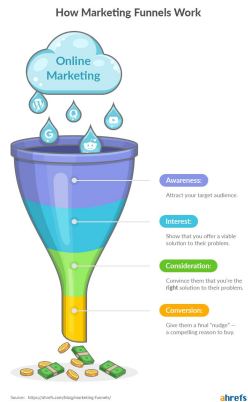
- Audience -> Lead -> Client
- Call to Action (CTA)
- Client Funnel
- Conversion
- Conversion Rate
- Landing Page
- Return on Investment (ROI)
- Key Performance Indicator (KPI)
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO)
- Search Engine Marketing (SEM)
- Pay Per Click (PPC)
- Pay Per Lead (PPL)
- "Your Money Your Life" (YMYL)
- E.A.T.

Understanding the Client Funnel

The client journey generally includes five broad steps:

1. Awareness
2. Consideration
3. Conversion
4. Loyalty
5. Advocacy

Examples of Client Funnels



Navigating the Online / Offline Divide

Offline methods include:

- Client care
- Networking events
- Referrals
- Reputation building
- Physical marketing materials

Online methods include:

- Website optimization
- Organic SEO
- Local SEO
- PPC
- Email marketing
- Legal directories
- Online reviews

Redefining the Lawyer Experience

Invert the client funnel to attract quality leads:

- Start with revenue needs for firm
- Define minimum number of needed clients
- Estimate conversion rates to calculate needed leads
- Use lead calculation to calculate required audience

Redefining the Lawyer Experience

1. Revenue needed to break even = \$10,000 / mo.
2. Clients needed to hit revenue target = 5 clients at \$2,000 each
3. Estimated conversion rate from all leads = 10%
4. Leads needed: $L = 5 / 10\% = 50$ leads
5. Estimated conversion rate from audience = 0.5%
6. Audience needed: $A = 50 / 0.5\% = 10,000$
7. Create a marketing plan to reach an audience of 10,000 people.

	A	B	C	D	E
19	Average Case Values by Practice Area (2018)				
20	Practice Area	P10	P50	P90	Mean
21	Bankruptcy	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 2,288.00
22	Business	\$ 180.00	\$ 683.00	\$ 3,855.00	\$ 1,980.00
23	Civil Litigation	\$ 217.00	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 9,976.00	\$ 4,769.00
24	Collections	\$ 150.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,257.00
25	Commercial / Sale of Goods	\$ 200.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 5,975.00	\$ 3,035.00
26	Construction	\$ 293.00	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,241.00
27	Contracts	\$ 175.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,994.00	\$ 1,502.00
28	Corporate	\$ 189.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 5,073.00	\$ 2,712.00
29	Criminal	\$ 156.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,520.00
30	Elder Law	\$ 175.00	\$ 838.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,446.00
31	Employment / Labor	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 8,925.00	\$ 4,034.00
32	Family	\$ 279.00	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 7,633.00	\$ 3,391.00
33	Government	\$ 144.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 1,844.00
34	Immigration	\$ 150.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,455.00
35	Insurance	\$ 315.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 4,418.00
36	Intellectual Property	\$ 200.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,069.00
37	Juvenile	\$ 165.00	\$ 558.00	\$ 2,456.00	\$ 1,131.00
38	Mediation / Arbitration	\$ 165.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 1,419.00
39	Personal Injury	\$ 271.00	\$ 1,743.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 3,545.00
40	Real Estate	\$ 165.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 3,253.00	\$ 1,516.00
41	Small Claims	\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,646.00	\$ 766.00
42	Tax	\$ 130.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,063.00	\$ 1,689.00
43	Traffic Offenses	\$ 120.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 709.00
44	Trusts	\$ 249.00	\$ 1,304.00	\$ 5,706.00	\$ 2,809.00
45	Wills & Estates	\$ 200.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,529.00
46	Worker's Compensation	\$ 423.00	\$ 2,138.00	\$ 8,893.00	\$ 3,867.00

The Five Inverted Funnel Goals

1. Positive Experience
2. Referrals
3. Culture
4. Audience Targeting
5. Mass Marketing

Basic Elements of a Legal Marketing Plan

- Local Business Listings
- Google Ads and other PPC and PPL Solutions
- Website and Content Marketing (SEO)
- Referral Strategy
- Traditional Marketing?
 - Billboards
 - Commercials
 - Other Shotgun Approaches

How to Create a Balanced Marketing Strategy

- Take a client-centered approach, then support that approach with data.
- Invest your time and money wisely.
- Outsource and delegate your pain points.
- Measure each and every aspect of your firm.

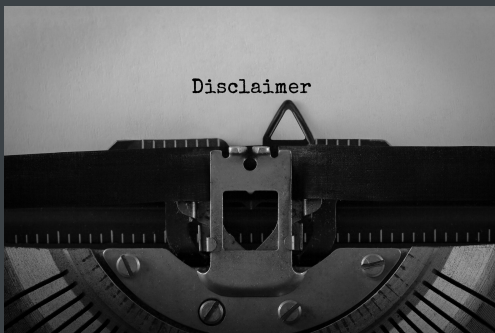


Part 2: Intermediate Legal Marketing

Welcome to Legal Marketing 201



Disclaimer: This is where you hire
an SEO



Understanding the Importance of E.A.T.

- E.A.T. stands for:
 - Expertise
 - Authority
 - Trustworthiness
- Connecting E.A.T. factors to YMYL restrictions
 - Ethical legal marketing
 - Identifying yourself as a subject-matter expert
 - Avoiding attorney-client relationships
- *"We could have been killed, or worse....expelled!"*



Identify and Rectify Friction in Your Funnel

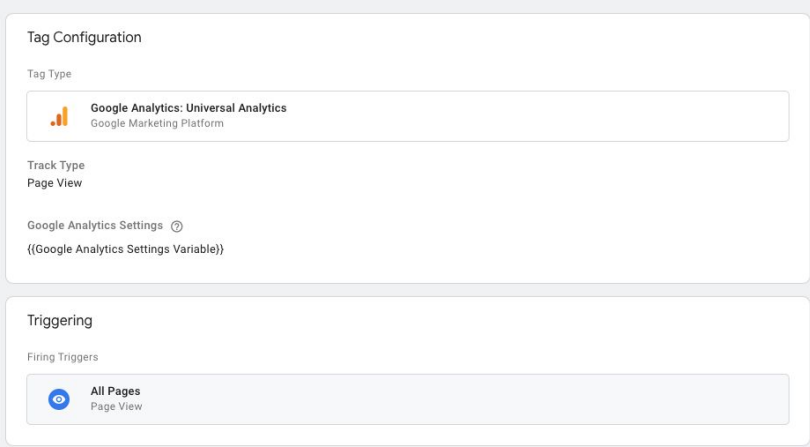
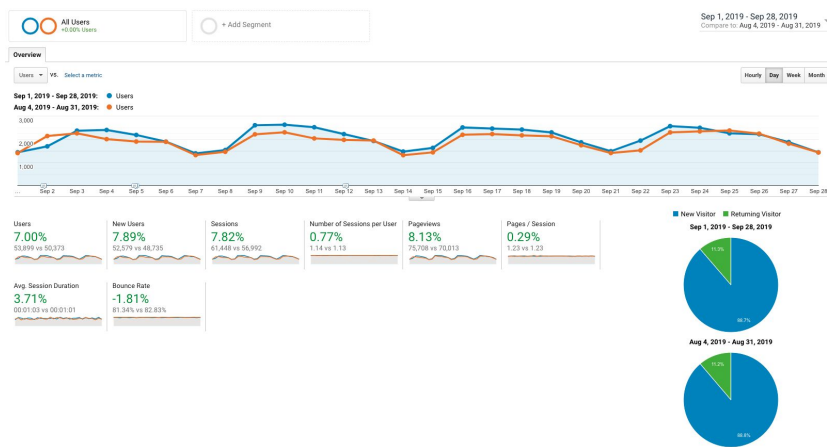
Ask yourself one simple question: “Why do people hate working with attorneys?”

Example answers:

- “Hiring an attorney is too expensive.”
- “Attorneys never pick up the phone / it’s hard to contact them.”
- “I never know what’s happening in my case.”
- “Is it really worth it to hire an attorney?”

Implement Lead Tracking and Data Recording Best Practices

- Identify firm and personal KPIs
- Track ROI on all marketing and business development efforts (within reason)
- Implement popular tracking solutions that follow ethical best practices
 - Record online data with Google Analytics and Google Tag Manager
 - Record offline data by keeping notes on your appointments, consultations, and clients
 - Purchase practice management software?

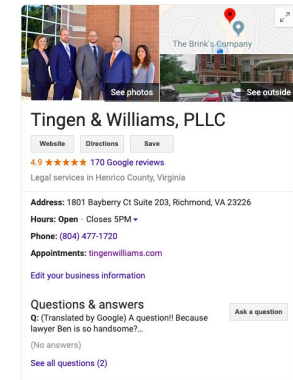


Power Up Your Practice with Schema and Metadata

- “Schema.org is a collaborative, community activity [and vocabulary] with a mission to create, maintain, and promote schemas for structured data on the internet, on web pages, in email messages, and beyond.” — Schema.org
- Basic schema examples:
 - Organization / LocalBusiness
 - Person / Place
 - Offer
 - Review / AggregateRating

Power Up Your Practice with Schema and Metadata

- Using schema.org to power up your Organic and Local SEO
 - Rich Snippets
 - Article
 - Breadcrumb
 - FAQ
 - How-to
 - Sitelinks Searchbox
 - Local SEO



Schema Example

1. Find (or make) a template or a code generator that meets your specific requirements.

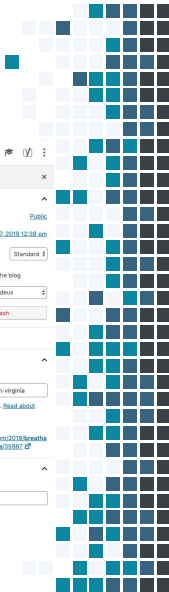
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1 <script type="application/ld+json"> {
2   "@context": "https://schema.org",
3   "@type": "FAQPage",
4   "mainEntity": [
5     {
6       "@type": "Question",
7       "name": "",
8       "acceptedAnswer": {
9         "@type": "Answer",
10        "text": ""
11      }
12    },
13    {
14      "@type": "Question",
15      "name": "",
16      "acceptedAnswer": {
17        "@type": "Answer",
18        "text": ""
19      }
20    },
21    {
22      "@type": "Question",
23      "name": "",
24      "acceptedAnswer": {
25        "@type": "Answer",
26        "text": ""
27      }
28    }
29  ]
30 }
31 </script>
```

Schema Example

2. Fill in the template with the required information.

```
1 <script type="application/ld+json"> {
2   "@context": "https://schema.org",
3   "@type": "FAQPage",
4   "mainEntity": [
5     {
6       "@type": "Question",
7       "name": "What is a breathalyzer test?",
8       "acceptedAnswer": {
9         "@type": "Answer",
10        "text": "Virginia law permits police officers to electronically test the exact blood-alcohol content (BAC) of a person they suspect to be driving while intoxicated. This is commonly referred to as a breathalyzer test. There are actually two different breathalyzer tests in Virginia. The first is called a preliminary breathalyzer test (PBT). This is the small electronic device that officers will ask you to blow into on the side of the road. The second is a test that occurs at the police station itself. Officers administer this second test through a significantly larger and more precise breathalyzer device. Only the second breathalyzer test is admissible as evidence in court."
11      }
12    },
13    {
14      "@type": "Question",
15      "name": "How is a breathalyzer test different from a field sobriety test?",
16      "acceptedAnswer": {
17        "@type": "Answer",
18        "text": "Basically, the advanced breathalyzer tests (and blood tests) that you take at the police station will show your <strong>exact</strong> BAC. Meanwhile, field sobriety tests instead provide <strong>circumstantial evidence</strong> for the fact that you may be intoxicated. Finally, note that preliminary roadside breathalyzer tests are not admissible in court, despite being a field sobriety test."
19      }
20    }
21  ]
22 }
```

3. Copy / paste the snippet into the body of the page, then test it in either the Structured Data Tool or the Rich Results Tool.



Google Rich Results Test



Google Structured Data Testing Tool



Google Structured Data Testing Tool

Level Up Your Online Presence: Schema + E.A.T.

- Leverage structured data to boost your E.A.T. score.
- Use plugins to automate the Schema process.
 - Yoast
 - Author box example
- Review the Quality Rater Guidelines for YMYL sites
 - “We have very high Page Quality rating standards for YMYL pages because low quality YMYL pages could potentially negatively impact a person’s [happiness, health, financial stability, or safety.](#)”

Quality Rater Guidelines

- “Understanding who is responsible for a website is a critical part of assessing E-A-T for most types of websites.” (4.3)
- “YMYL websites demand a high degree of trust, so they generally need satisfying information about who is responsible for the content of the site.” (4.3)
- “High quality pages...need enough expertise to be authoritative and trustworthy in their topic.” (4.5)

Part 3: The “Gathering Leads” Marketing Strategy

Welcome to Legal Marketing 301

Create a Marketing Plan that *Compliments* Your Business Plan

- Anything is better than nothing
- Remember the marketing pillars
 - Local business listings
 - Google Ads, PPC, and PPL
 - Website and Content (SEO)
 - Referral Strategy
 - Traditional Marketing
- Play to your strengths (SWOT)
- Find a niche
- Develop an Agile methodology
- Find cheap tools, upgrade when they break

Create a Marketing Plan that *Compliments* Your Business Plan

- Focus your marketing on gathering leads. Focus your business development on nurturing those leads into paying clients.
- Attorneys are weird. Think like a client:
 - Focus your plan on client-first practices.
 - Adjust your business model to fit the audience in your local area.
 - Take steps to identify and eliminate points of friction in your firm's case management process.

Part 3(a): Local (and Legal) Business Listings

Where Do Clients Find Attorneys?

Where Do Clients Find Attorneys?

- Referrals
- Advertisements (PPC)
- Local Listings (Google My Business)
- "Free" Attorney Directories (Justia, Avvo, etc...)
- Paid Legal Directories (Lawyers.com)
- Firm Website
- Blog or Informational Article

User Intent in Local (and Legal) Business Listings

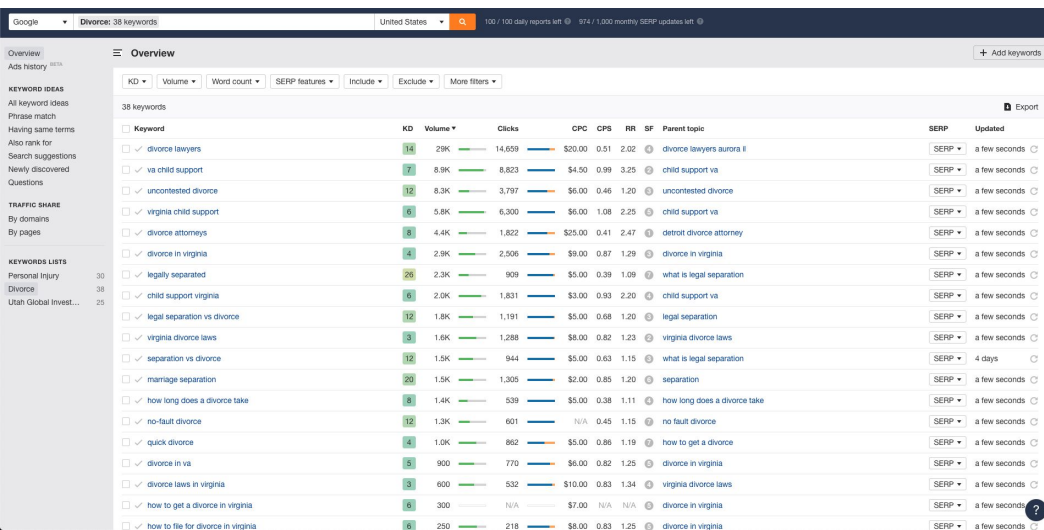
- There are four general search types:
 - **Informational** – How, what, who, where, why, guide, tutorial, resource, ideas, tips, learn, examples.
 - **Navigational** – Brand names, product / service names, direct search, long-tail keywords.
 - **Commercial Investigation** – Best, top, review, product / service attribute, comparison, "near me."
 - **Transactional** – Hire, buy, "[City] + [Service] + [Role]," cheap, price, cost, practice area / service.
- These search types act as entry points into the client funnel

User Intent in Local (and Legal) Business Listings

- Your strategy for reaching the first page should target a specific user intent category:
 - **Informational** – Ebooks, blogs, video guides, “How to...” resources (“How to file for divorce in Virginia”)
 - **Navigational** – Platform-targeted strategies, leapfrogging, keyword busting (“uncontested divorce guide youtube”)
 - **Commercial Investigation** – Google My Business and directory listings, “Cost” and “Length” guides, review stuffing (“How much does a divorce cost?”)
 - **Transactional** – Landing page optimization, PPC and PPL, Google My Business optimization (“Richmond immigration attorneys”)

Tip: Make a Keyword List

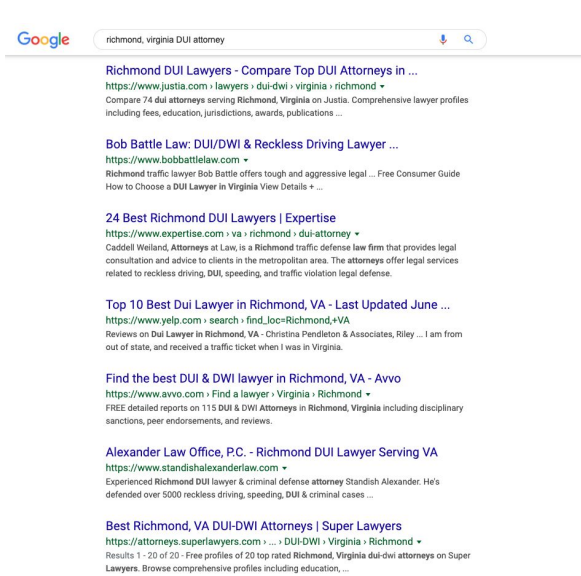
1. Identify your “ideal client”
2. Identify the client’s “pain points”
3. List these pain points as short, 2-5 word phrases
4. Use word association (and intuition) to find related keywords and gaps in your list
5. Plug these keywords into a keyword index (ahrefs, Moz, Ubersuggest)



Keyword	KD	Volume	Clicks	CPC	CPS	RR	SF	Parent topic	SERP	Updated
divorce lawyers	14	29K	14,659	\$20.00	0.51	2.02	0	divorce lawyers austria II	SERP	a few seconds
va child support	7	8.9K	8,823	\$4.50	0.99	3.25	0	child support va	SERP	a few seconds
uncontested divorce	12	8.3K	3,797	\$6.00	0.46	1.20	0	uncontested divorce	SERP	a few seconds
virginia child support	6	5.8K	6,300	\$6.00	1.08	2.25	0	child support va	SERP	a few seconds
divorce attorneys	8	4.4K	1,822	\$25.00	0.41	2.47	0	detroit divorce attorney	SERP	a few seconds
divorce in virginia	4	2.9K	2,506	\$9.00	0.87	1.29	0	divorce in virginia	SERP	a few seconds
legally separated	26	2.3K	909	\$5.00	0.39	1.09	0	what is legal separation	SERP	a few seconds
child support virginia	6	2.0K	1,831	\$3.00	0.93	2.20	0	child support va	SERP	a few seconds
legal separation vs divorce	12	1.8K	1,191	\$5.00	0.68	1.20	0	legal separation	SERP	a few seconds
virginia divorce laws	3	1.6K	1,288	\$8.00	0.82	1.23	0	virginia divorce laws	SERP	a few seconds
separation vs divorce	12	1.5K	944	\$5.00	0.63	1.15	0	what is legal separation	SERP	4 days
marriage separation	20	1.5K	1,305	\$2.00	0.85	1.20	0	separation	SERP	a few seconds
how long does a divorce take	8	1.4K	539	\$5.00	0.38	1.11	0	how long does a divorce take	SERP	a few seconds
no-fault divorce	12	1.3K	601	N/A	0.45	1.15	0	no fault divorce	SERP	a few seconds
quick divorce	4	1.0K	862	\$5.00	0.86	1.19	0	how to get a divorce	SERP	a few seconds
divorce in va	5	900	770	\$6.00	0.82	1.25	0	divorce in virginia	SERP	a few seconds
divorce laws in virginia	3	600	532	\$10.00	0.83	1.34	0	virginia divorce laws	SERP	a few seconds
how to get a divorce in virginia	6	300	N/A	\$7.00	N/A	N/A	0	divorce in virginia	SERP	a few seconds
how to file for divorce in virginia	6	250	218	\$8.00	0.83	1.25	0	divorce in virginia	SERP	a few seconds

Finding the Right Directories

- After you have your keyword list, start plugging all of the keywords into Google, and take note of what directories show up.
 - Justia
 - Avvo
 - Superlawyers (must be nominated)
 - Findlaw
 - Yelp



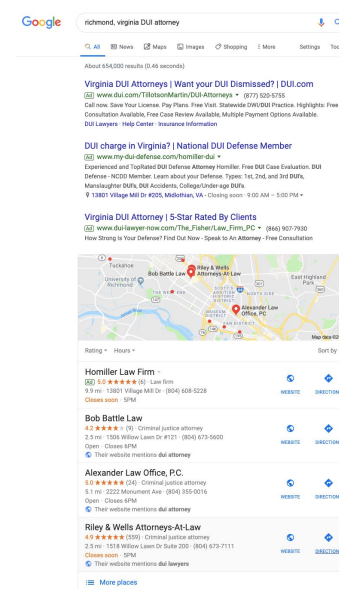
Part 3(b): PPC and the Client Lever

How to Print (or Burn) Money for Your Firm



PPC Basics: The Client Lever

- A well-executed PPC campaign should work like a vending machine
- Attorneys can use PPC in three different ways
 - Rocket launch strategy
 - Exploratory (established firms)
 - Lead buffer
- Inexperienced law firms and lawyers should **not** use PPC



Why You *Shouldn't* Use PPC in Your Marketing Plan (Without Help)

- PPC has one of the longest (and most costly) conversion percent chains out of all the normal marketing methods
 - Impression -> Click -> Landing Page Conversion -> Reception Conversion -> Attorney Conversion
- Each step requires optimization and fine-tuning to be profitable (i.e. messing up *one* ruins *everything*)

Example Using My Google Ads Profitability Worksheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1											
2	How much do you sell your product for?	\$ 2,000.00									
3	What does it cost to produce?	\$ 1,800.00									
4	Gross Profit Margin:	\$ 200.00									
5	Profit Margin %:	10.00%									
6											
7	Expected CPC:	\$ 3.00									
8				May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
9	Adverts budget to spend	\$ 400.00	0.00%	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
10	Clicks			133	133	133	133	133	133	133	133
11											
12	Website Conversion Rate	15.00%	0.05%	7.00%	7.05%	7.10%	7.15%	7.20%	7.25%	7.30%	7.35%
13	Total Website Conversions			9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10
14											
15	Qualified Lead to Sale Rate	14.00%	1.00%	14.00%	15.50%	17.00%	18.50%	20.00%	21.50%	23.00%	24.50%
16	Total Web-Driven Clients			1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
17											
18		Campaign Totals									
19	Revenue from Conversions	\$ 28,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
20	Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)	\$ 25,200.00		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
21	Gross Profit from Conversions	\$ 2,800.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
22											
23	Google Ads Expenses	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
24	Management Fees Per Month	\$ 800.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
25	Hosting Services	\$ 40.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
26	Additional Overhead	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
27	Net Overhead Expenses	\$ 4,040.00		\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00
28											
29	Profitability (Revenue - Expenses)	\$ (1,240.00)		\$ (305.00)	\$ (305.00)	\$ (105.00)	\$ (105.00)	\$ (105.00)	\$ (105.00)	\$ (105.00)	\$ (105.00)
30											
31		Customer Revenue Stats									
32	Google Ads Cost per Acquired Customer	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
33	Profit per Customer	\$ (305.00)	\$ (305.00)	\$ (52.50)	\$ (52.50)	\$ (52.50)	\$ (52.50)	\$ (52.50)	\$ (52.50)	\$ (52.50)	\$ (52.50)
34	Total Marketing Cost per Acquired Customer	\$ 605.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 252.50

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11											
12	Website Conversion Rate	15.00%	0.05%	15.00%	15.65%	15.70%	15.75%	15.80%	15.85%	15.90%	15.95%
13	Total Website Conversions			21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
14											
15	Qualified Lead to Sale Rate	14.00%	1.00%	14.00%	15.50%	17.00%	18.50%	20.00%	21.50%	23.00%	24.50%
16	Total Web-Driven Clients			3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5
17											
18		Campaign Totals									
19	Revenue from Conversions	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
20	Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)	\$ 58,400.00		\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
21	Gross Profit from Conversions	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
22											
23	Google Ads Expenses	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
24	Management Fees Per Month	\$ 800.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
25	Hosting Services	\$ 40.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
26	Additional Overhead	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
27	Net Overhead Expenses	\$ 4,040.00		\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00
28											
29	Profitability (Revenue - Expenses)	\$ 2,560.00		\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00
30											
31		Customer Revenue Stats									
32	Google Ads Cost per Acquired Customer	\$ 133.33	\$ 133.33	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
33	Profit per Customer	\$ 31.67	\$ 31.67	\$ 73.75	\$ 73.75	\$ 73.75	\$ 73.75	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00
34	Total Marketing Cost per Acquired Customer	\$ 168.33	\$ 168.33	\$ 126.25	\$ 126.25	\$ 126.25	\$ 126.25	\$ 101.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 101.00

The Solution: Just Hire Someone

- PPC strategies are best left to SEM professionals
- Search engine marketing is **prohibitively** expensive, far more than you might realize
 - “Divorce lawyer near me” is ~\$20.00 to \$26.00 per click
 - “Car accident lawyer” is ~\$170.00 to \$207.00 per click
 - “Immigration attorney” is ~\$8.00 to \$10.00 per click
- PPC variant: Pay-Per-Lead (PPL)
 - Leveraging legal directories into a Pay-Per-Lead strategy

Example of PPL: Lawyers.com

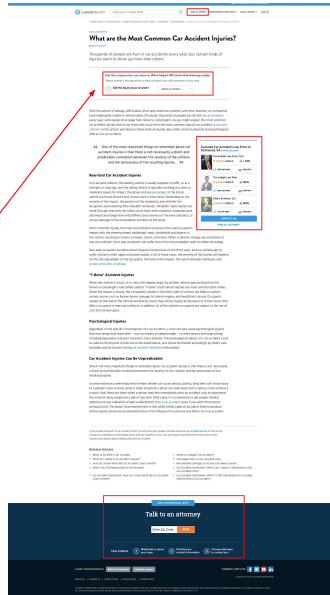
Get the compensation you deserve. We've helped 285 clients find attorneys today.
Please answer a few questions to help us match you with attorneys in your area.

- 1 Did the Injury occur at work?
- 2 How long ago did the Incident occur?
- 3 Have you taken any action regarding your claim?
- 4 What is the primary type of injury?
- 5 Where do you need a Personal Injury Attorney?

Briefly describe your case.

No thanks.

Get FREE Evaluation



Part 3(c): SEO and Content Marketing

Optimizing for User Intent

What is Content Marketing?

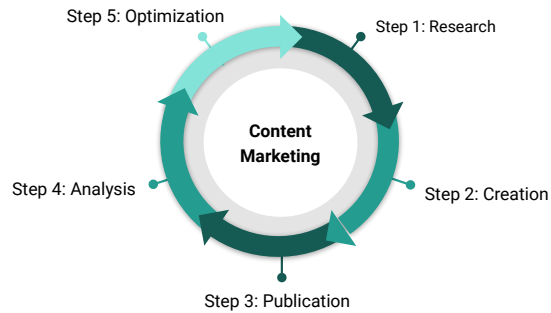
- Content marketing is the process of creating and distributing valuable, relevant, and consistent content to attract and retain a particular audience, with an end goal of converting members of this audience into paying clients.
- Create valuable content -> Leverage content to achieve a desirable result (usually measured as a KPI)

The Content Marketing Cycle



The Content Marketing Spiral

1. Creation
2. Optimization
3. Upgrade
4. Evergreen
5. Skyscraper



Keyword Research and Optimization Basics

- Write for the reader
- Find your niche and target high-value long-tail keywords

	Low-Value	High-Value
Short-tail	No Priority	Low Priority
Long-tail	Medium Priority	High Priority

Keyword Examples

High-Value Short-Tail:

- “Virginia marijuana laws”

Low-Value Long-Tail:

- “Virginia reckless driving ticket out of state”
- “Consequences of a Virginia marijuana conviction”

High-Value Long-Tail:

- “Immigration lawyer in Richmond Virginia”
- “Likelihood of confusion in trademark law”
- “Filing for divorce in Virginia”

Content Marketing as Free PPC

- PPC is pay to win content marketing

#	Traffic % ¹	Value % ¹	Keywords ¹	RD ¹	Page URL	Top keyword ¹	Its volume ¹	Pos. ¹	
1	1,575	9%	\$1,574	546 ▾	2	tingenwilliams.com/2019/pay-virginia-traffic-ticket-online/33710 ▾	www.courts.state.va.us	4,700	5
2	1,133	7%	\$853	838 ▾	3	tingenwilliams.com/2015/long-take-get-green-card-interview/2997 ▾	how long to get green card after interview 2017	350	** 1
3	895	5%	\$2,431	662 ▾	5	tingenwilliams.com/2016/child-support-in-virginia/4210 ▾	child support in va	300	** 1
4	832	5%	\$503	749 ▾	1	tingenwilliams.com/2015/happens-green-card-interview/3005 ▾	after green card interview	200	** 1
5	724	4%	\$2,168	419 ▾	4	tingenwilliams.com/2016/virginia-child-support-everything-you-need-to-know/4210 ▾	child support in virginia	200	** 1
6	616	4%	\$1,828	559 ▾	0	tingenwilliams.com/2019/k-1-visa-processing-times-2019/34865 ▾	fiance visa processing time	500	** 1
7	616	4%	\$1,686	271 ▾	1	tingenwilliams.com/2018/guide-virginias-marijuana-laws/26433 ▾	virginia marijuana laws	1,800	3
8	610	4%	\$143	126 ▾	1	tingenwilliams.com/2018/fake-military-background/27762 ▾	how to report stolen valor	300	** 1
9	424	3%	\$3,203	221 ▾	0	tingenwilliams.com/2018/virginia-reckless-driving-ultimate-guide/8168 ▾	reckless driving virginia	1,700	5
10	422	3%	\$252	65 ▾	0	tingenwilliams.com/2018/class-35-trademark/7808 ▾	trademark class 35	400	** 1

An Example from Our Firm

- Our top 10 articles provide \$14,641 in traffic value **per month**
- This metric shows the equivalent value of the organic search traffic, should that traffic have been acquired via PPC

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Content Marketing is More than Just Articles

- Short blog posts (~300 to 500 words)
- Long-form articles (~800 to 2,000 words)
- Skyscraper posts (~2,500 to 10,000 words)
- Ebooks and lead magnets (~10,000 to 30,000 words)
- Video content (video SEO)
- Podcasts (audio SEO)
- Custom visuals and graphics (image SEO)
- Unique resources and tools
- Anything else that provides “value”

Advanced Topic: Google Darwinism

- There are hundreds if not thousands of “ranking factors” in the Google algorithm
- These factors are grouped into several different “groups” for ease of understanding
- Google calculates a score (“bid”) for every page using these ranking factors

Scores for the arbitrary “Page A” for search query “X”							
Topicality	Quality	Speed	Entities	Rankbrain	Struct. Data	Freshness	...
2	3	4	3	2	3	4	[X]

Advanced Topic: Google Darwinism

Page scores for Search Query “X”								
Factor	Topicality	Quality	Speed	Entities	RankBrain	Struct. Data	Freshness	Net Bid
Page A	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	78,125
Page B	4	10	4	4	4	4	4	40,960
Page C	2	4	1	8	5	3	2	1,920
Page D	2	4	1	8	1	3	2	384
Page E	2	4	1	8	0.8	3	2	307.2

Candidate Result Sets Compete for Page 1

- After the bidding finishes, these pages will then compete with bid arrays in *other* mediums
 - Images
 - Videos
 - News
- Google will then return the top 10 results from the *entire* data set to provide the “best” solution for a specific query

Rich Element Candidates Bids Example Google					Kalichube.pro
Rank	Web	News	Images	Video	Feat. Snippet
1	7232	3783	7345	8694	9577
2	5709	3545	6001	7665	9345
3	5495	2223	5034	6454	9111
4	3713	2177	4102	5648	4561
5	3576	2000	3000	5000	4343
6	3555	1987	2345	4987	4123
7	3199	1900	2222	4634	3876
8	3008	1567	2123	4234	3333
9	2998	1555	2100	4145	3312

Candidate Result Sets Compete for Page 1

- Certain formats will return results that might not otherwise make it to the first page
 - Video
 - News
 - Images

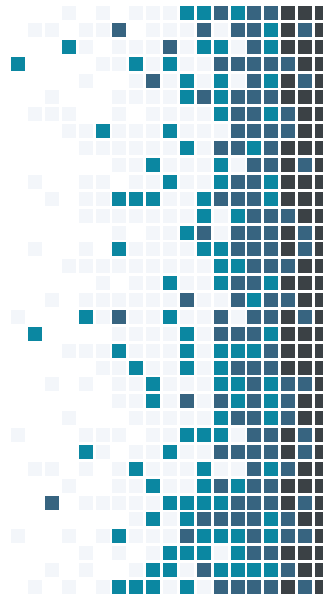
Ranking Rich Results Example Google		Kalichube.pro
0	Featured Snippet	
1	Web 1	
2	Web 2	
3	Web 3	
4	Images 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
5	Video 1	
6	Web 4	
7	Web 5	
8	Video 2	
9	Web 6	

Why Does This Matter?

- The legal space is behind the curve when it comes to rich data and alternative formats
- Pairing a unique format with a particular niche could present an opportunity for massive growth in certain practice areas
- It shines a light on the best practices that other firms are using (or ignoring) so that you know whether an opportunity for growth is available

Part 3(d): Referrals and the Client Cycle

Cultivate a “Positive Experience”



The Client Cycle

- The “marketing funnel” is going out of style in favor of a “marketing cycle”
- This is because people are being silly and taking the “funnel” part literally
 - The funnel represents the “whole” of your marketing plan, it’s a top-down view meant to help you organize your thoughts
 - Leads can shift around inside the funnel
 - Clients (“those who have converted”) can bring leads into any stage of the funnel

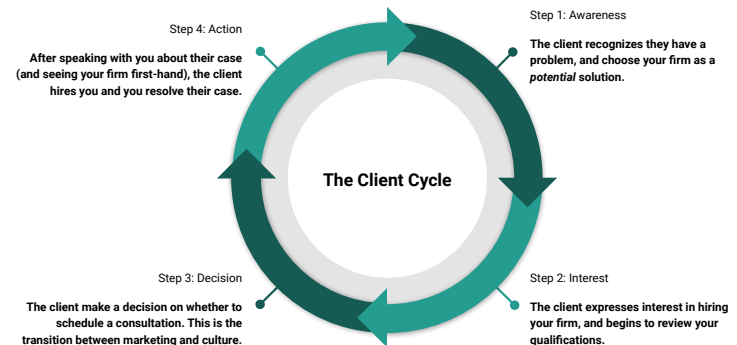


The Client Cycle: Goals

1. Positive Experience
2. Referrals
3. Culture
4. Audience Targeting
5. Mass Marketing

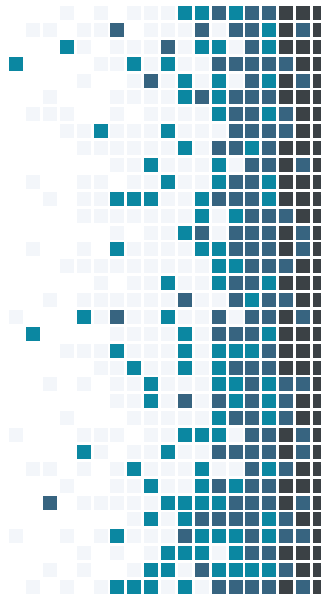


The Client Cycle: Endgame



Conclusion

Wrapping Things Up



Key Takeaways

- The Basic Elements of Legal Marketing
 - Local (and Legal) Business Listings
 - PPC
 - Organic Search and SEO
 - Referrals
- E.A.T. and YMYL
- Focus on a Niche
- Develop a marketing strategy, implement it in your business strategy
- Make a budget
- Focus your marketing on gathering leads, focus your business on nurturing leads



Why This Matters

- You need to make the transition between thinking of yourself as a worker and thinking of yourself as a service-based professional.
- Viewing your practice through a different lens.
- You need to build a flexible personal brand to market *yourself* to future employers.
- It can help you better understand your firm's marketing efforts when you *do* get hired.
- It's nifty information to know.



Things I've Skipped Over

- Social media marketing
- Email marketing
- Specific ethical considerations
- Remarketing and retargeting
- Large-scale video marketing
- Legal directory strategy



Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Blogs to Follow:

- Ahrefs
- The Moz Blog
- MarketingProfs
- Mailchimp Blog
- Backlinko
- Unbounce
- Hubspot
- Search Engine Journal

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