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Making the Most of It: Optimizing Your Firm's Digital Marketing in Uncertain Times





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Today's Agenda

- Current situation and impact on firm marketing
 - Be seen on legal directories
 - Get social
 - Start blogging

Q&A



the COVID-19 impact on **MARKETING AT SMALL FIRMS**

- Forced to work remote
- Traditional marketing efforts impacted (outdoor advertising, networking, sponsorships)
- The Importance of staying relevant and competitive when it comes to bringing on new cases.





legal consumers **ALSO CHANGING**

- Delaying elective legal issues
- Legal issues changing
- More time online
- Social media usage increasing
- Potential to change habits permanently

amidst challenge... OPPORTUNITY

Ask yourself:

- What has been working and not with my marketing?
- I am "essential," now how can I be found?
- How can I use any downtime to improve my tactics?
- Can I use this as a chance to take market share from the competition?
- How can I prepare my firm for when we return to normal?



THE KEYS





Remember you're a business owner



Focus on your online-marketing

The Question is: what marketing tactics will get you through today and set you up for tomorrow?







Remember These?





Now They Look Like This

legal consumers **MOVE FAST**

58% take action within a week of their incident

> 61% only consider 1 attorney





legal directories **MOVE FAST TOO**

Easy to populate information.

Benefit from established credibility.

legal directories VALUE ON MANY FRONTS

- Online Legal Directories gives your firm
 Immediate Online Exposure
- Improved quality of relevant inquiries from directories (more likely to convert)
- The link to your website from Directory Listings (Backlinks) is seen as a referral to Google and other search engines.
- People searching these Directories will come across yours and click through to your site

So the question to ask yourself: Is it important for your firm to have higher quality traffic, more second chances, and a 3X increase in being added to a client's shopping list over your competition?



legal directories WAYS TO MAKE IT WORK

- **Mix it up**: be on multiple directories (free and paid) to increase visibility
- Keep it up-to-date: make sure your listing is 100% accurate
- Optimize every field: contact options, headshot, reviews, etc. – make your listing robust
- Use reviews: give validation to your listing with feedback from former clients



2 : SOCIAL ADVERTISING



Seriously GET YOUR FIRM ON SOCIAL MEDIA

84%

of U.S. consumers are on social media

68%

of Americans use Facebook

44%

of the U.S. population get their news from Facebook

40%

are more likely to use a lawyer with a social presence



social media **RECENTLY**



50+ percent

increase in Facebook's messaging



50+ percent

increase in traffic from Facebook to websites



62 percent Facebook users say they will use it more

THE PROBLEM:

getting seen





THE SOLUTION?

add some paid social

paid social media ads WHAT ARE THEY?

Simply put: Facebook posts that display in a targeted audience member's news feed

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paid social media THE BENEFITS FOR LAW FIRMS



paid social media WAYS TO MAKE IT WORK

- Focus on Facebook: it's the top platform with the best targeting
- Start small: test with a small budget at first
- Think about your clients: keep it professional and always address a pain point
- Use multimedia: use the power of video to stand out
- Keep it active: don't let it whither away marry it with your firm's blog so it's always being shared







your firm's blog IT'S HOW CLIENTS SEARCH



your blog **THE BENEFITS**



Raises your visibility with search engines



Demonstrates your expertise to potential clients



Reinforces your credibility



Makes your firm sound more human and approachable



Best place to address what is happening in the world and not appear tone deaf

your firm's blog WAYS TO MAKE IT WORK

- Write to your audience: know the problems they are facing and keep it in plain terms
- **Get ahead**: write now while you have time
- Keep it frequent: fresh content is good for your clients and in Google's eyes
- **Promote it**: use it on social and put some advertising dollars behind it





Final Takeaways

Avoid knee-jerk reactions

Now is the time to take stock of your marketing and reassess



Being seen on multiple digital channels important now as it always has been



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