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How to Create a Lucrative, Flexible, and Rewarding Business as a Freelance Attorney



# WHATISA FREELANCE ATTORNEY?





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- Complete work for other lawyers
- Legal research and writing
- On a contract basis
- Run own freelance firm, self-employed
- Support colleagues
- Work on OUR TERMS!





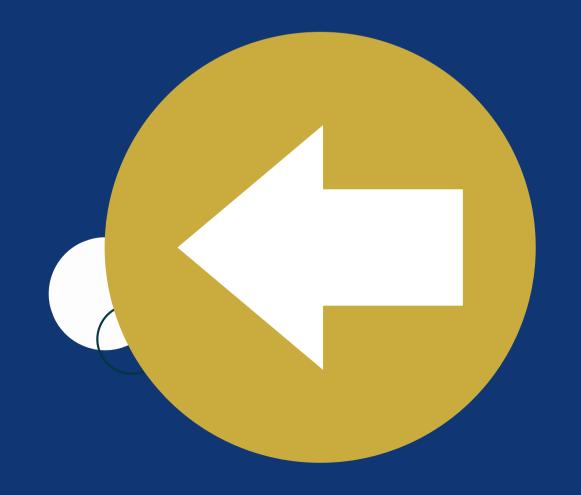
#### TWO AUDIENCES ...



### SOLO & SMALL FIRM LAWYERS LOOKING FOR FREELANCE ASSISTANCE

ATTORNEYS LOOKING TO BUILD A FREELANCE

BUSINESS



#### SONRISA LEWIS, ESQ.



Freelance Lawyer

- Attorney
- Graduated in 2012
- American University WCL
- Maryland Bar
- Held more traditional "lawyer jobs"
- Fed up with traditional work set-up
- Built freelance firm support other lawyers
- Coach other freelance attorneys
- Dedicated to shaking up the legal profession and helping creative lawyers step outside of the box- both lawyers running firms & those seeking to freelance

TRADITIONAL SMALL & SOLO LAW FIRMS

# HOW TO BENEFIT FROM WORKING WITH A FREELANCE ATTORNEY



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- Support without the overhead, hassle, and legwork of hiring
- Perhaps not yet ready to hire an associate but in a position for help
- Working too many hours, overloaded, or past capacity
- Freelance lawyers help take on overflow work without added overhead, or the commitment of providing regular work to a salaried employee





#### Not to mention...

PROFIT ON THE MARK-UP

WORK WITH A FREELANCE ATTORNEY
AT NO COST TO THE FIRM





### LAWYERS & FIRMS WHO BENEFIT FROM SUPPORT...



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- Lawyers in the process of hiring/growing
- Lawyers who are exhausted and need an extra hand
- Lawyers who need support at certain times... for example, during large litigation
- Lawyers who simply do not want to hire, manage, and spend hours handing payroll, etc....
- Lawyers who want a second pair of eyes and someone to discuss cases, brainstorm with



#### FREELANCE LAWYERS...

### WHY FREELANCE?



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I have been asked this question many times.



### FREELANCE LAWYER FREEDOM!



#### WHY FREELANCE?

- You love working independently
- You enjoy the type of work, research and writing
- You are exhausted digging through jobs that are not a good fit
- You value freedom and flexibility in your schedule
- You are excited by the thought of working for yourself
- You like a challenge
- Pick and choose clients and work opportunities
- Help colleagues on your terms
- You set your value and your boundaries
- Work/life balance





### WHAT KIND OF LAWYER FREELANCES?

Who is doing this?















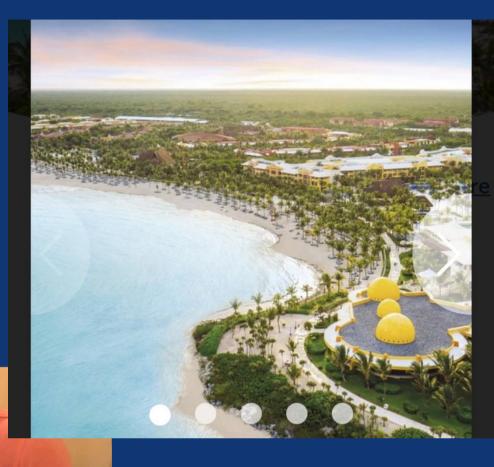














### OTHER COLLEAGUES EXAMPLES...

HEALTH

FAMILY

WORK STYLE



TRAVEL - LIVE ABROAD

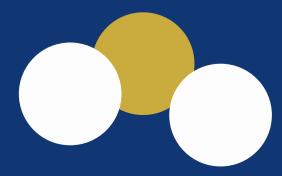
**SO...** 

## HOW TO ACTUALLY START A FREELANCE BIZ?



#### My Journey to freelance lawyer freedom





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• 4 MONTHS FOR FIRST DOLLAR

MOVED INTO MY MOM'S
 BASEMENT FOR A YEAR

 HAD NO NETWORK OR SUPPORT

• FLOUNDERED

BATTLED WITH NAYSAYERS

NAILED IT!





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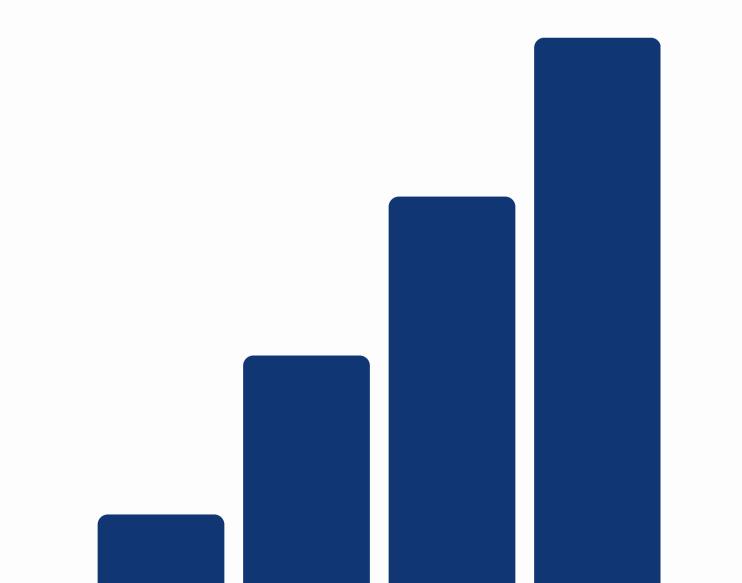
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### FAQS

WHAT EVERY ASPIRING FREELANCE ATTORNEY WANTS TO KNOW!

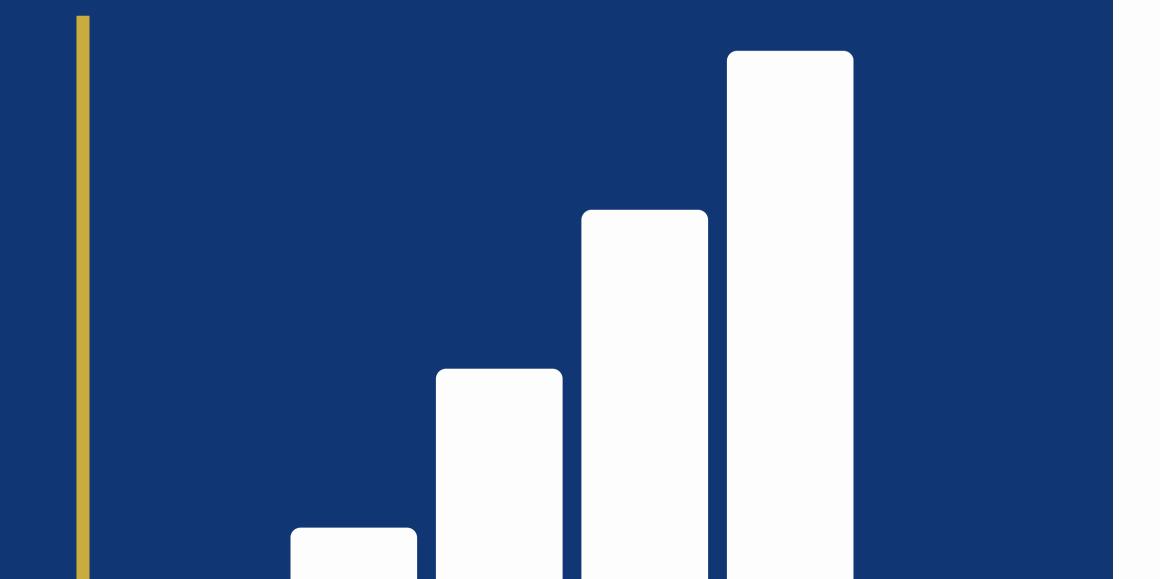


### HOW TO FIND LAWYER-CLIENTS?



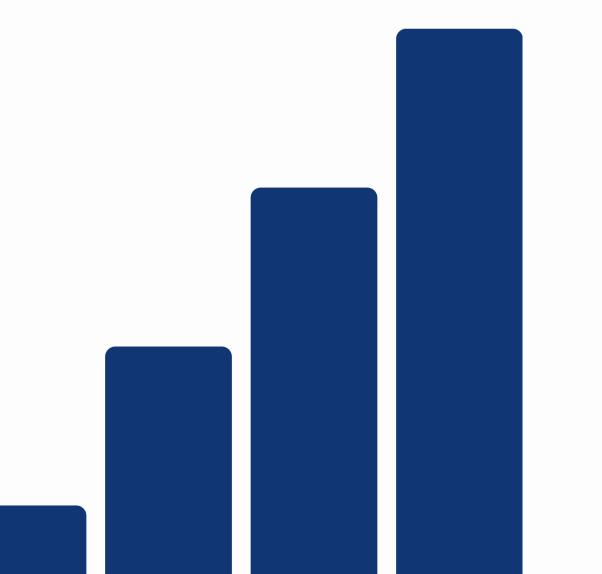


### HOW TO SET YOUR FREELANCE RATE?



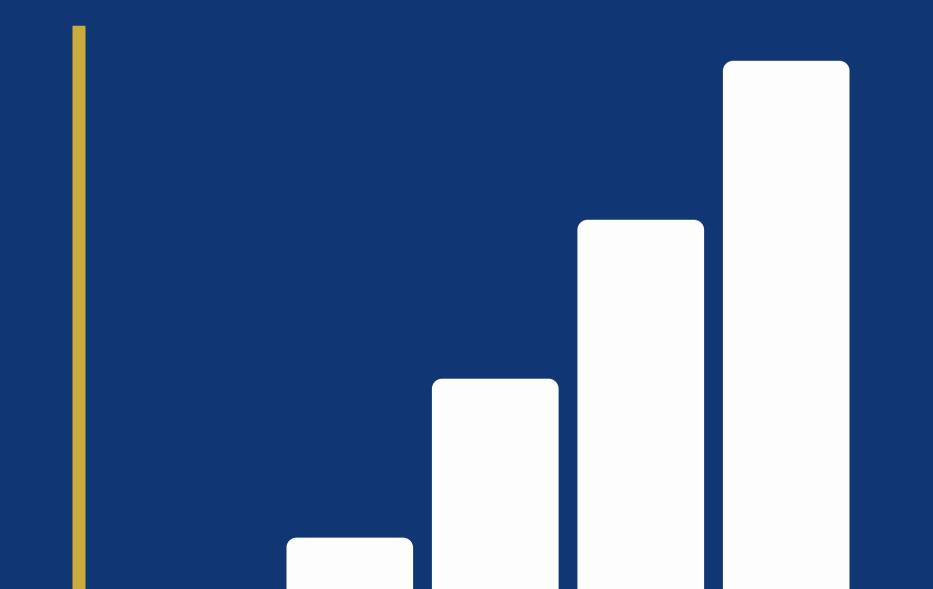


## CAN WE WORK ACROSS JURISDICTIONS?



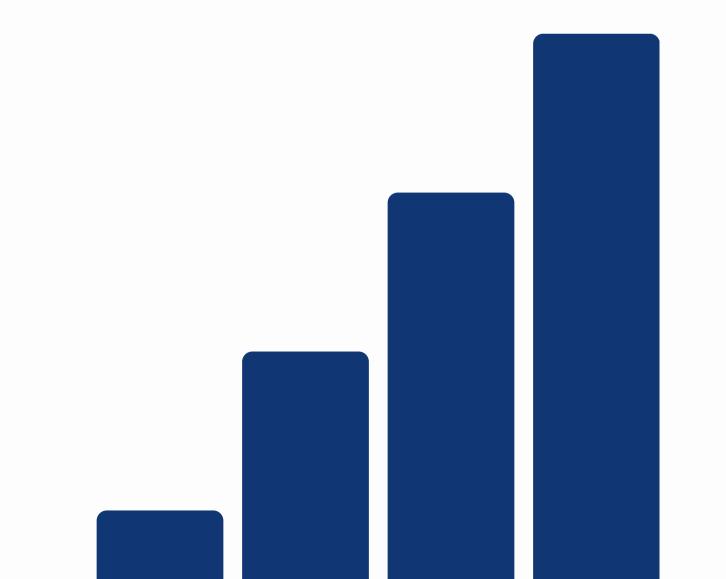


# DO WE NED MALPRACTICE INSURANCE?



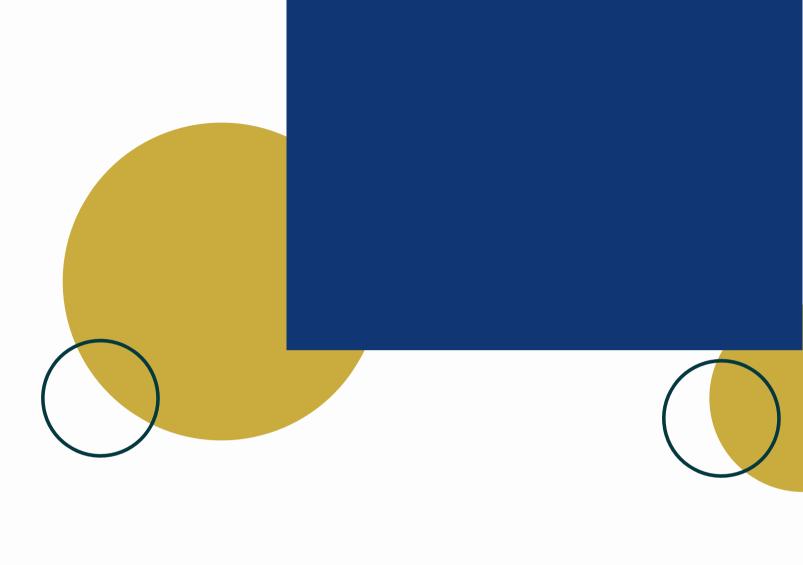


# FREELANCE LAWYER PLATFORMS?









### LOOKING FOR MORE INFO? REACH OUT!

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