

### Applicable Rules:

7.1

7.5

Legal Ethics Opinions

Codes, regulations & other jurisdictions can also apply.

Example:

Bergman v District of

Columbia

DC Court of Appeals 08-CV-859

The first step...

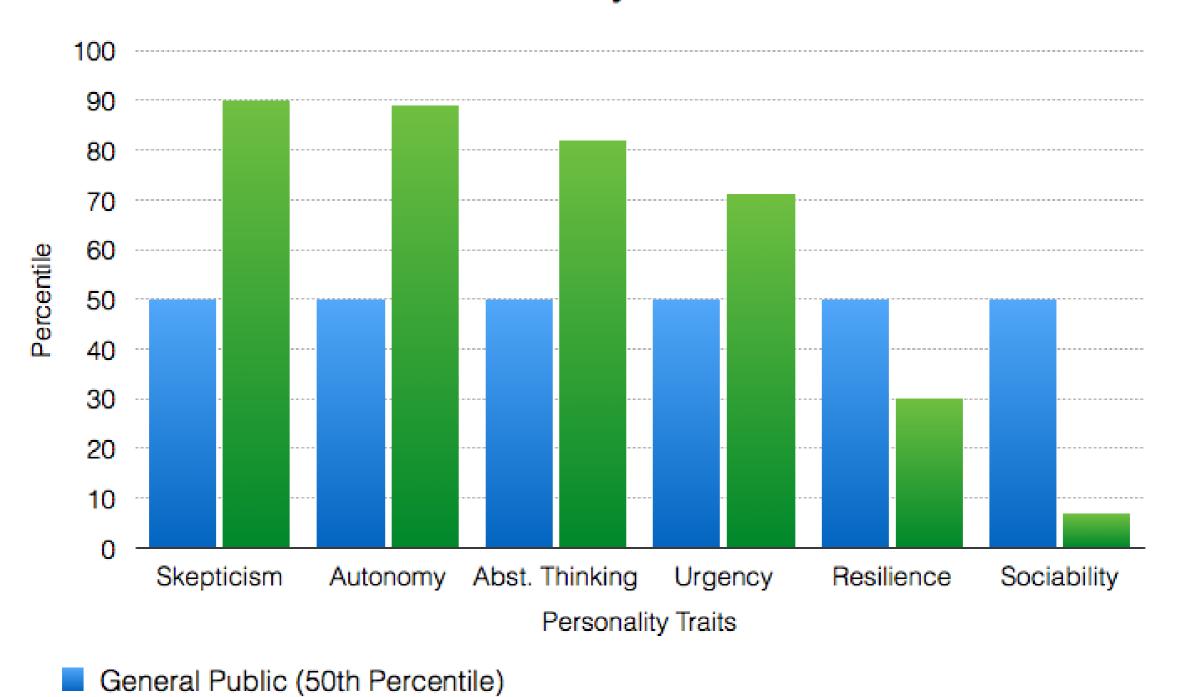
## Start from what is real & true.

I act
on the basis
of my
self-image.

Own who you are.

Own where you are.

### The 6 Predominant Lawyer Personality Traits



Lawyers

From the research of Larry Richard, Ph.D.

Our choice . . .

-to talk about us

or

-to talk about the problem we solve

Your perpetual questions:

How does the client see me?

What is the client's experience with my firm?

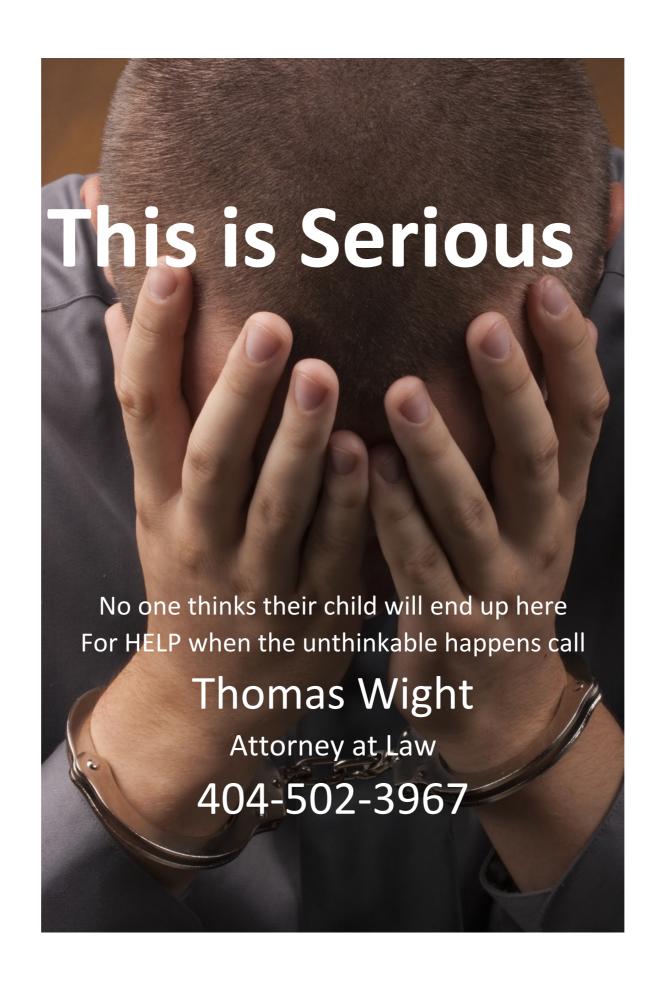
# Which message is more effective?

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Imagine your client's earliest thoughts about the problem . . .

If you had the chance to provide information at that moment . . .

What would you say?

How can you inform and educate your ideal client at each stage of their problem recognition process?

The information you would provide is . .

content for marketing messages.

Inform...

Be careful not to give legal advice when marketing.

The Miranda example . . .

You have the right to remain silent.

VS.

Never talk to the police.

### The ideal client's Problem Recognition Process

- What?
- I've got a problem . . .
- Maybe it will go away . . .
- Can I solve it myself . . .
- Do I need a lawyer . . .
- Who is the right lawyer for me?

# Yellow page ads are aimed at the last stage of the problem recognition process:

Who is the right lawyer for me?

Legal Zoom is aimed at the early stages.

### Questions you can ask to learn about your client's

### Problem Recognition Process

- \*Why did you come to me?
- \*Tell me about your problem?
- \*What will the solution feel like?
- \*What worries you now?
- \*What have you worried about in the past?
- \*Who else have you told about this problem?

### Questions you can ask to learn about your client's

### Problem Recognition Process

- \*Is this the first time you have talked to a lawyer?
- \*What concerns you about talking to a lawyer?
- \*What is the best way for us to communicate?
- \*When did you first realize you had this problem? What did you do?

# Questions you can ask to learn about your client's Problem Recognition Process

\*Tell me what you know about this problem you want me to solve.

\*Since we have not worked together before, would you like to know how I charge to solve your problem?

### THINGS LAWYERS PUT IN THEIR WEBSITE BIOS

### THINGS CLIENTS WISH WERE IN LAWYER BIOS

WHERE I WENT TO LAW SCHOOL IN 1973

THE NOW-RETIRED
JUDGE I CLERKED FOR

EVERY TYPE OF MATTER
I'VE EVER WORKED ON

I'M ADMITTED TO

WHAT OTHER LAWYERS THINK (SUPER LAWYERS, AV RATING, ETC.) OF ME

BORING CLE SPEECHES
I'VE GIVEN

**EMAIL** 

ADDRESS

PHONE

NUMBER

WILL YOU RETURN
MY CALLS?

LINKS TO YOUR BLOG, TWITTER, ETC.

DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE DOING EXACTLY WHAT I NEED?

ARE YOU A TOTAL ASSHOLE?

WHAT DO YOUR CLIENTS SAY ABOUT YOU?

WHAT KIND OF WORK ARE YOU REALLY GOOD AT?

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### What every prospective client needs to know & feel:

Why do I need a lawyer?

Do you know what you are doing?

What do others think about you?

Are you right for me?

Can I work with you?

Will you care?

Take what you learn and engage

### What do process focused websites do?

## Some examples of process focused sites:

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www.virginiadivorceattorney.com
www.rosen.com
www.jerseyestateplanning.com
www.bobbattlelaw.com
www.oginski-law.com
www.paestateplanners.com
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## Marketing focused on "me"

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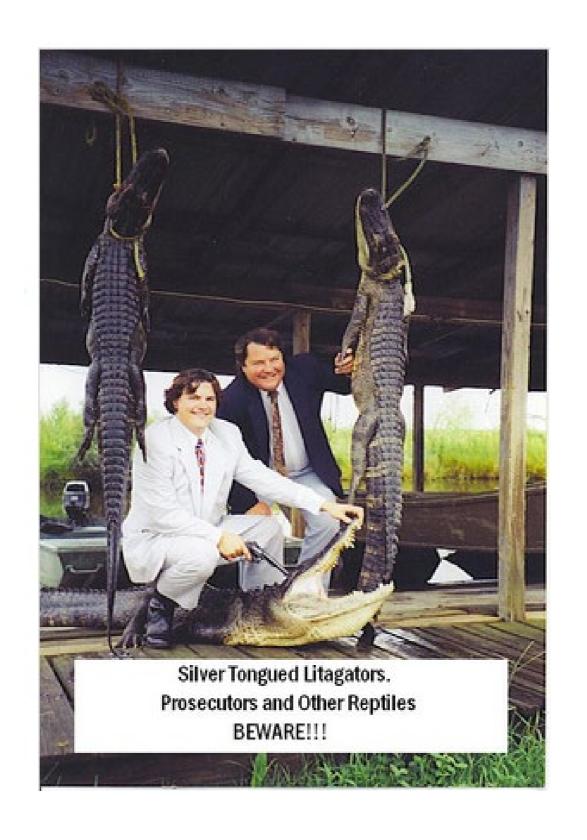
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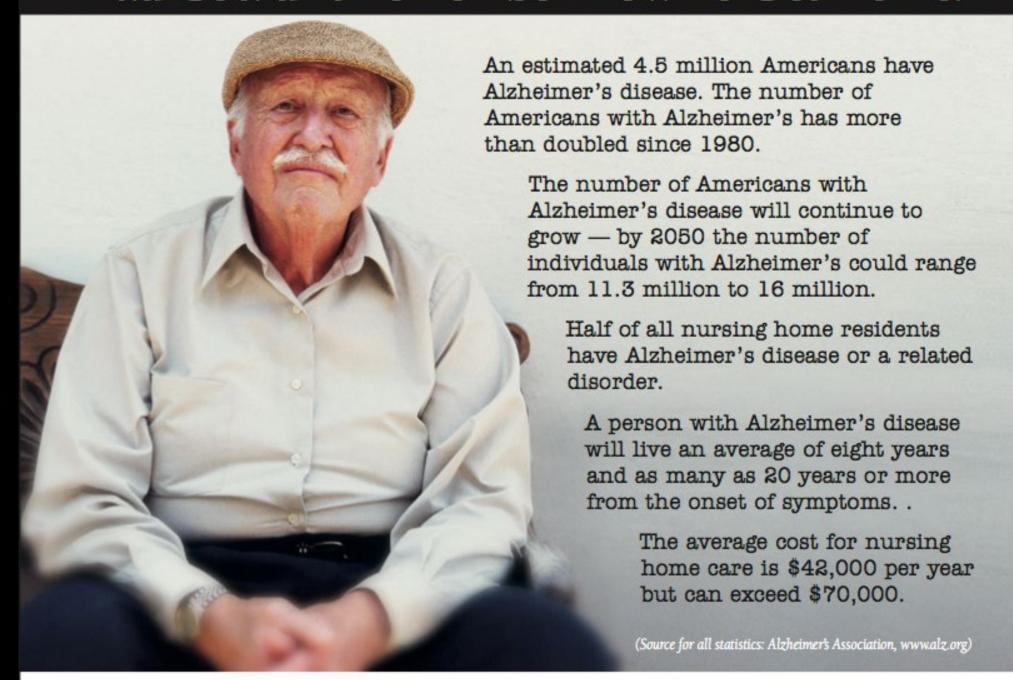


You are an estate planner or elder lawyer . . .

and you know your ideal client has a process . . .

How do you talk to them while they are working their way through their process?

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Wilkes-Barre Office

Cross Creek Pointe, Suite 402, 1065 Hwy. 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570) 822-6919

Reason To Make An Estate Plan#10

Your son-in-law, Fred

- Hasn't had a job since 1999
- Belongs to a religion that you consider a cult
- Sells t-shirts at concerts by a band called "Phish"
- You suspect he is fond of chemical substances
- Thinks it's great that he has rich in-laws

Is he going to get half of what you leave to your daughter?



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#### Your daughter, Isabella

- · Waved to you from the stage throughout her first appearance in the Nutcracker this past year.
- · Wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up (either that or Cinderella).
- · Loves to hike (in her tutu).
- Still falls asleep in your lap.

How important is *her* future?



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3:00pm

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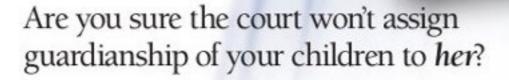
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### Reason #5 To Name Guardians For Your Kids

Your mother-in-law, Barbara

- Offers you lots of free parenting advice
- Thinks the answer to all baby problems is "more solid foods"
- Most important values are family and carpeting
- Believes in "spare the rod, spoil the child"
- Would do a much better job than you if given the chance.



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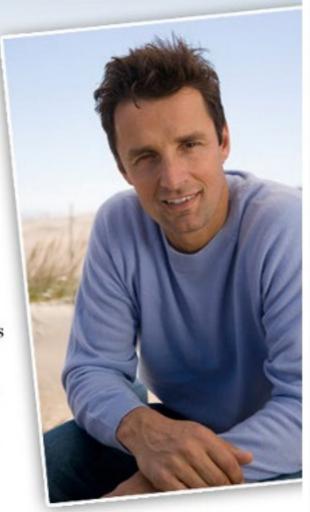


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#### Reason **#6** To Get A Divorce

#### Your husband, Alex

- Helps with the dishes, then acts like he should get a medal
- Sheds so much hair, your bathroom floor looks like it has a rug on it
- For Christmas, gave you a dual-bag vacuum cleaner
- Main occupation in life is watching endless hours of sports on TV
- Refers to your favorite sushi restaurant as "the bait shop"
- While out to dinner with you and another couple, likes to hit on the waitresses
- · Or your best friend



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## Elements of a good, long term marketing system

Prepare information about the five to ten questions you get from every new client.

Prepare a 15 to 30 minute talk to a room full of your potential ideal clients informing & educating them about the problems you solve.

Give this talk to groups & organizations.

Break the talk into one to three minute videos.

### Create a database of contacts in Outlook, in a spreadsheet, or in any other functional system.

### Who goes into your contacts list?

Friends, family, clients, former clients, potential clients, professionals & anyone who can refer someone with a problem.

Sophisticated contact management software review:

http://contact-management-softwarereview.toptenreviews.com/

www.salesforce.com

### A basic contact management system . .

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	6 Contact 5	Contact 6	Click, poir	nt to Delete and then click Table Ro	ws.		New York		Unit
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	8 Contact 7	Contact 8	Title 8	Address 8	Seat		Washington	12345	Unit
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Contacts are referral sources & potential clients so long as you engage with them.

How many opportunities exist for you to be found?

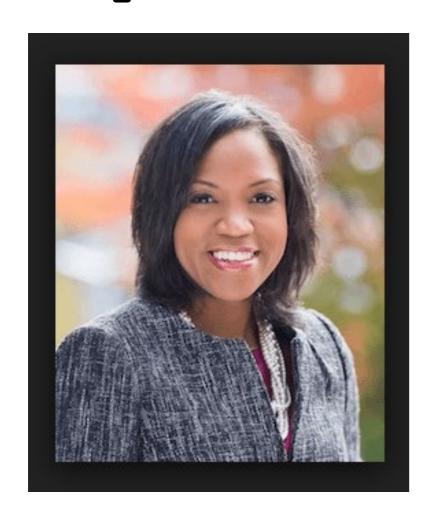
How many venues can you create for your marketing message?

You & your presence Your office Business card Website (video) Newsletter Blog Brochure Social media Community engagement Speaking engagements,

books & free publications

are useful tools

#### A professional photo is essential





Michelle C. Thomas & Associates, PC

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### Create a great logo



http://99designs.com/logo-design

### Sources for unique & traditional cards:

Moo.com

DesignYourOwnCard.com

Crane.com

VistaPrint.com

## What Every Virginia Woman Should Know About <u>Divorce</u>

Before You Go - 7 Steps
Before Moving Our of the
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### 6 Major Mistakes to Avoid When Selecting An Estate Planning Attorney

### Focus on the problem you solve & the questions in the mind of the prospective client

### Why the newsletter works

Targeted to your audience

Regularity

Long-term tool

Becomes a part of your process

More cost effective

Few do it well

Hardcopy is better than electronic

The concept applies in any practice area. . .

Employer Alerts by Charles H. Fleischer Relate to Marketing like it is your best client.

How would you treat your best client?

You would have a plan

You would strategize

You would open a file

You would work on it every day

You would evaluate it often

#### You can do the work yourself:

Rollins & Chan

Wufoo form builder

Square Space

How to create a Facebook business page

#### Or you can use a service:

Mockingbird Marketing

Foster Web Marketing

Great Legal Marketing

SmartMarketingNow.com

UpwardAction.com

### Marketing resources

The Culture Code by Clotaire Rapaille

Influence, the Psychology of Persuasion by Robert B. Cialdini

Contagious, Why Things Catch On by Jonah Berger

You Can't Teach Hungry by John Morgan

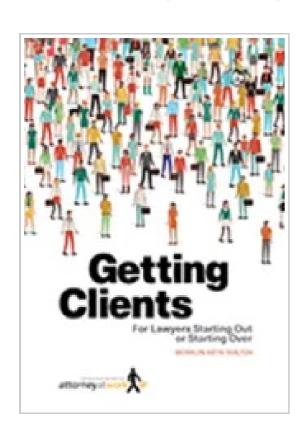
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#### Getting Clients: For Lawyers Starting Out or Starting Over

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### Truths

All marketing works. Some work better than others

Marketing is long term trust building.

Bad phones kill good marketing.

### More truths

You cannot impact a feeling with a fact.

You can only impact a feeling with a feeling.

What is your mindset?

# I have to market. or I get to market.