

10 Tips to Increase Law Firm Financial Security

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Agenda

- Understanding Law Firm Needs
- 10 Tips to Increasing Financial Security
- Conclusion
- Q/A





The Needs of Small Law Firms

- Legal Time & Billing
- Business Accounting
- Trust Accounting
- Calendar & Tasks
- Documents & Emails





Tip #1 - Capture ALL Time & Costs

What is not tracked will not be billed, and what is not billed will not be paid!





Time Tracking

- Completed yet unbilled events & tasks
- Outside the office legal services.
- Frequent office disruptions.





Expense Tracking

- Expenses are paid in variety of ways.
- Matter allocation is often forgotten

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Tip #2 - Timely Billing



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Tip #3 - Utilize Collection Reminders

- Allow your billing system to act as your free collection agent
- Don't forget retainer replenishment!





Tip #4 - Know When to Pay Vendor Bills

- Don't pay too soon, especially if client reimbursement is needed.
- Utilize a system to manage hold and release of payments.





Tip #5 - Implement a Productivity Based Compensation/Bonus Plan

- Track by Originating Attorney,
 Responsible Attorney and/or
 Timekeepers
- Focus on Income earned, not time billed.





Tip #6 - Track Income By Practice Area

- Enables quick analysis of profitability
- Allows you to evaluate growth opportunities
- Highlight prospective marketing opportunities





Tip #7 - Ensure Matter's Obligations Does Not Become Your Headache

- Properly track any bills incurred by clients
- Don't let the burden fall on you!





Tip #8 - Enforce Monthly Reconciliation of ALL Accounts

- Not Just for Trust Accounts!
- Catch mistakes as they happen
- Ensure all matter costs are captured
- Review monthly reports to ensure information is accurate





Tip #9 - Prevent Financial Fraud

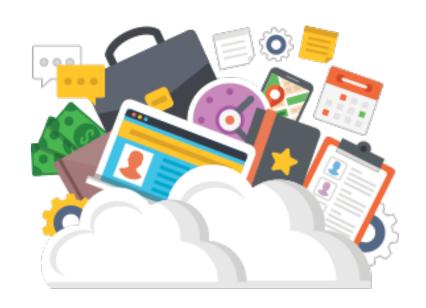
- Daily Reconciliation if Possible
- Keep Bank Statements
 Confidential & Secure





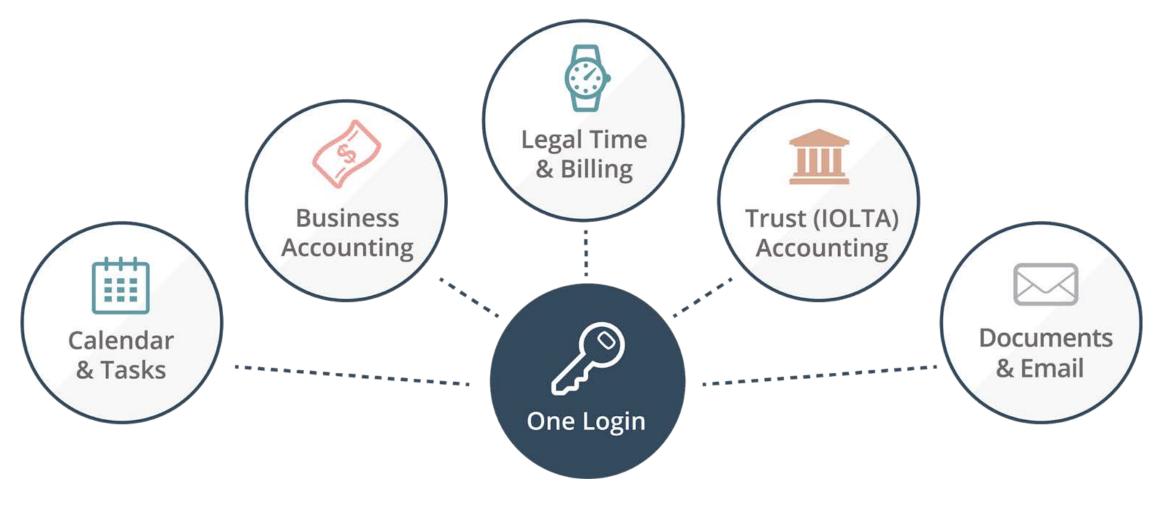
Tip #10 - Utilize Granular Permission Controls

- Understand the roles each user plays
- Operate on a need to know basis
- Ensure tools you utilize allow for permission and restrictions of certain areas



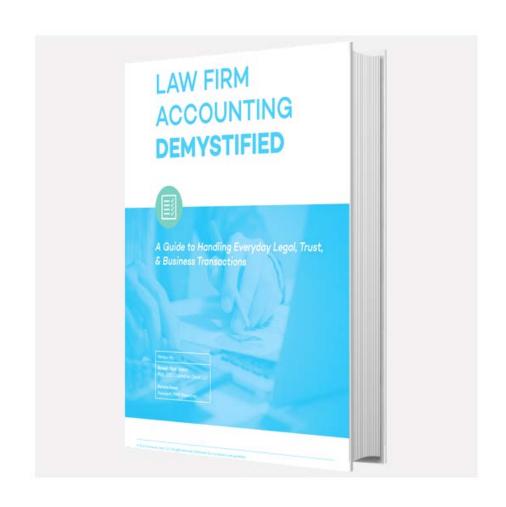


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