The Solo Practice Profit Scorecard™

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| Profitability & Cash Flow | I constantly feel stressed about cash flow and don't think I'm paid enough for the work I do. | I make a good living and am not stressed out about cash flow. | I pay myself a great base compensation. Additionally, I make a 35% profit margin as a shareholder. | More than 50% of my income is derived from profit centers (other people) in my firm and not from my personal production. | | | |
| Time Management | I get in early, stay late. I work most weekends, and if I am not in the office working, I am on my phone or checking my email while out of the office. | I work a lot, but I take at least one two- week vacation annually. When I am off, I seldom check email or phone messages and only deal with emergency issues. | I don't work weekends, I have a four-day work week, and I average four weeks a year off. While I am off, I do not check email or phone messages. | I can take 175 days off and the firm works just fine, if not better, as opposed to when I am there. When I am off, I don't check email, do client work, or take phone calls. | | | |
| Great Team | I avoid hiring, training and managing people because nobody can be trusted to do the work and handle the firm's clients as well as me. I can't find anyone good to hire. | I am constantly frustrated. I think I may have "adopted" my team. I feel like I am often cleaning up their messes and am frustrated by their constant interruptions. | My team understands where we are going. We have weekly team meetings. My team takes delegation well and handles basic customer service issues. They understand our workflows. | My team is self-managing. They are clear on their revenue targets and understand what is crucial to their performance. I constantly receive compliments from others about them. | | | |
| Process & Workflows | I don't have any systems or checklists or processes to handle workflow and customer service. We either don't' have or use an office procedure manual. | We have some documented checklists and workflows, which are kept in a central location. Occasionally, I must remind my team where they are and when to use them. | Our workflows and systems are great. My team uses them and looks for ways to improve them. If they've got a question, instead of interrupting me, they always go there first. | We have a visual workflow process. When a new hire joins the firm, we begin their training there. If there is a system or process breakdown, it is brought up immediately and the team works to improve the process. | | | |
| Marketing to new Prospects | I have no time to market. If I did, I wouldn't do it anyway. I would rather just practice law. | I have marketing opportunities that come to me. I am happy to reactively take on marketing opportunities, but I am not proactively seeking or growing my marketing opportunities. | I know what to say, when to say it, and how to say it. However, I know there are some areas in my marketing where I could use improvement. | I have a strategic approach to marketing. I receive a consistent amount of high caliber new business. My competitors are jealous and annoyed with my marketing success and dominance. | | | |
| Marketing & Prospect Conversion Process | I do all marketing meetings, initial meetings and manage all marketing projects. All marketing depends on me. My marketing depends on cash flow. When I don't have any, I market! | My marketing efforts, including my website, don't bring me the right kind or enough clients. I know what to do but I am either failing to do it or "too busy" to do it. Overall, I'm am not getting a good ROI on my marketing efforts. | We have a marketing and prospect-to- client conversion process. We know our ideal client, ideal referral source, and our pricing is excellent. We have three marketing contacts per week, and we have an annual marketing calendar. | We are a marketing and conversion machine. We can influence an uptick in new business whenever we want. Our conversion process is amazing, and at least 80% of our initials are done by non-lawyers. | | | |
| My Mindset | I am a great lawyer. I only want to be a great lawyer; I don't have a mind for business. I believe the better legal technician you are the more money you make! | I know it's a business, but I don't know how to grow the business. I like being the "hero" of my story, but I don't know how to get out of that trap. | I focus daily on marketing, time management, profitability & staffing skills. I'm successful by anyone's standards, but the firm is still dependent on me. | I focus every day on building a market- dominant firm that does not depend on me. I am focused on building a great team, a marketing machine, and strong profits without me. | | | |
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