



Client Intake SOP:

Attorney Assistant

OBJECTIVE:

To provide a consistent, empathetic, and efficient intake process that captures, qualifies, and converts legal leads, without attorney involvement in early-stage communication.

TOOLS NEEDED

- CRM (e.g., Clio Grow, Lawmatics, MyCase)
 - Call & Email Scripts
 - Online Intake Form
 - Call Tracking Tool (e.g., CallRail)
 - Scheduling Tool (e.g., Calendly, Acuity)
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DAILY TASKS:

1. LOG INTO CRM

- Review new lead alerts from forms, calls, or referrals.
- Check task list for scheduled follow-ups.

2. RESPOND TO NEW INQUIRIES (WITHIN 5 MINUTES)

- Prioritize phone calls, then emails/texts.
- Use the intake call script to guide conversations.

3. QUALIFY THE LEAD USING STANDARD CRITERIA:

- Ask 3–5 pre-set qualification questions customized to the firm's practice area:
 - Personal Injury: "Was there a documented injury?", "When did the accident occur?", "Was someone else at fault?"
 - Family Law: "Are there existing court orders?", "What stage are you at in the process?"
 - Immigration: "What is your current immigration status?", "What type of relief or service are you seeking?"
 - Criminal Defense: "What are the charges?", "Is there a scheduled court date?"
- Record responses directly into CRM.
- Mark status as "Qualified," "Not Qualified," or "Needs Review."

4. TAG AND CATEGORIZE LEAD:

- Use CRM tags to assign:
 - Case Type (e.g., PI, Family, Immigration, Criminal)
 - Urgency Level (Immediate, Within 30 Days, Non-Urgent)
- Note referral source (e.g., Google, past client, ad campaign).
- Flag for conflict check if any prior contact is identified.

5. BOOK CONSULTS FOR QUALIFIED LEADS:

- Use the attorney's calendar link to schedule.
- Send confirmation email/text with intake form attached.

6. FOLLOW UP ON UNRESPONSIVE LEADS (DAILY TASK LIST):

- Phone call attempt #2 (log call disposition in CRM).
- Send follow-up email + reminder text.
- Update lead notes and tag for urgency/status.

7. MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION STANDARDS:

- Be empathetic and calm—especially in PI, family law, or immigration cases.
- Use the “Client Empathy Script” for sensitive matters.
- Never provide legal advice—always defer legal questions to attorney consult.

8. ESCALATION CRITERIA (NOTIFY ATTORNEY DIRECTLY):

- Lead is a VIP referral or comes from a referral partner
- Case fits high-value profile (e.g., catastrophic injury, HNW family case)
- Lead mentions press/media interest

9. WEEKLY QA TASK:

- Pull intake metrics: response time, conversion rate, follow-up volume.
- Review missed leads and suggest process improvements to firm lead.

END-OF-DAY WRAP-UP:

- Make sure all leads are tagged, followed up, and documented in CRM.
- Confirm next-day calendar is updated with all booked consults.
- Escalate any urgent issues to the firm contact before logging off.