

## Session Title:Improving New Business Intake

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## Philosophies and Approaches to New Business Intake

- Risk Tolerance
- Balance



### Legal Risks to be Addressed

More complicated than ever...



### **Emerging Trends**

- Staffing (hire staff attorneys?)
- Technology
- Process Workflow how to implement? How it makes the process more timely
- Who makes the decisions?
- Closing letters final payment, files?



# Engagement letters from clients and outside counsel guidelines

Processes for Laterals



#### How can we sell it?

Winning the battle with attorney pushback on the new client intake process and delays.



#### Resources

- Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society, Inc (great info for members)
   <a href="http://www.alas.com/">http://www.alas.com/</a>
- Model Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.7 Conflict Of Interest: Current Clients
- Model Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.8 Conflict Of Interest: Current
   Clients: Specific Rules
- Model Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.9 Duties to Former Clients
- All three of above from <a href="http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mrpc/mrpc/mrpc">http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mrpc/mrpc toc.html</a>
- Freivogel on Conflicts, A Guide to Conflicts of Interest for Lawyers <a href="http://www.freivogelonconflicts.com/">http://www.freivogelonconflicts.com/</a>
- ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct subscription <a href="http://www.bna.com/products/lit/mopc.htm">http://www.bna.com/products/lit/mopc.htm</a>
- Sample Documents:
   <a href="http://www.gilsbar.com/downloads/ConflictsOfInterest.pdf">http://www.gilsbar.com/downloads/ConflictsOfInterest.pdf</a>