

## The Advisor PACT Monthly Session™

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## Are you ready to be here and no place else? - Max Dixon

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Consider taking this attitude starting right now:
Something discussed today will be a significant positive game-changer for my business
I want to focus so I don't miss it





## Question

I'm newer to the financial services industry.

I've only been a financial advisor for 3 years.

How can I compete with experienced veteran advisors?

Don't affluent Ideal Clients prefer to deal with these more experienced advisors?

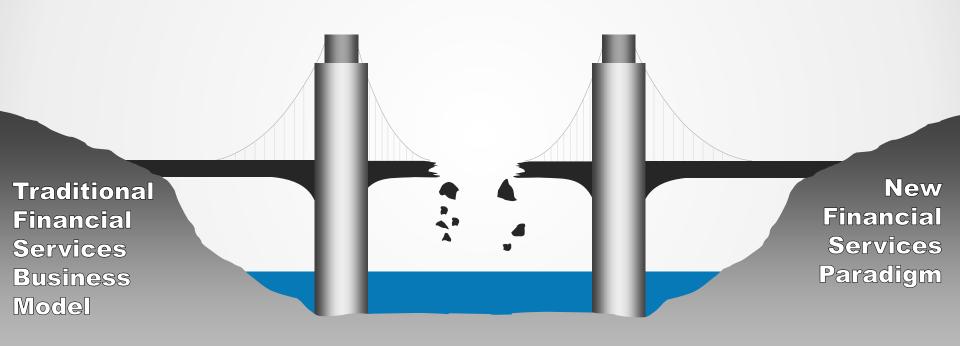


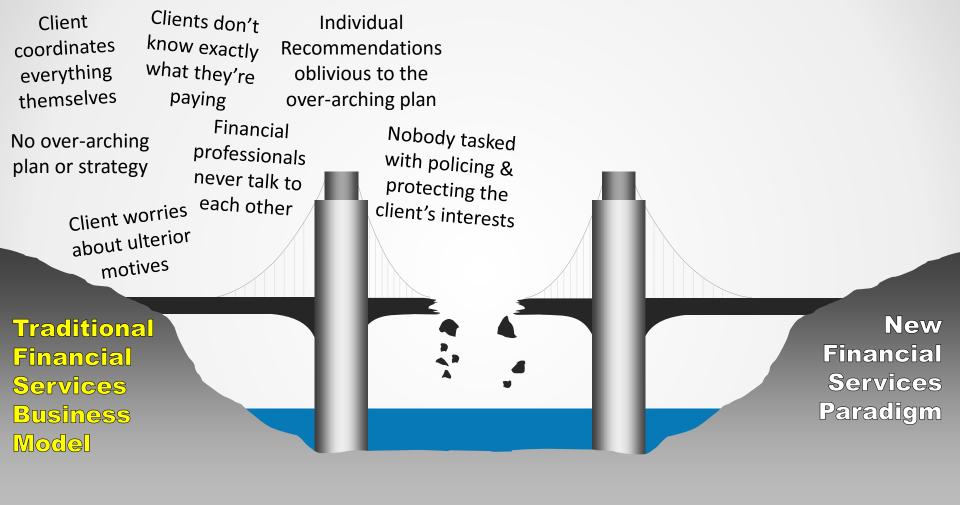
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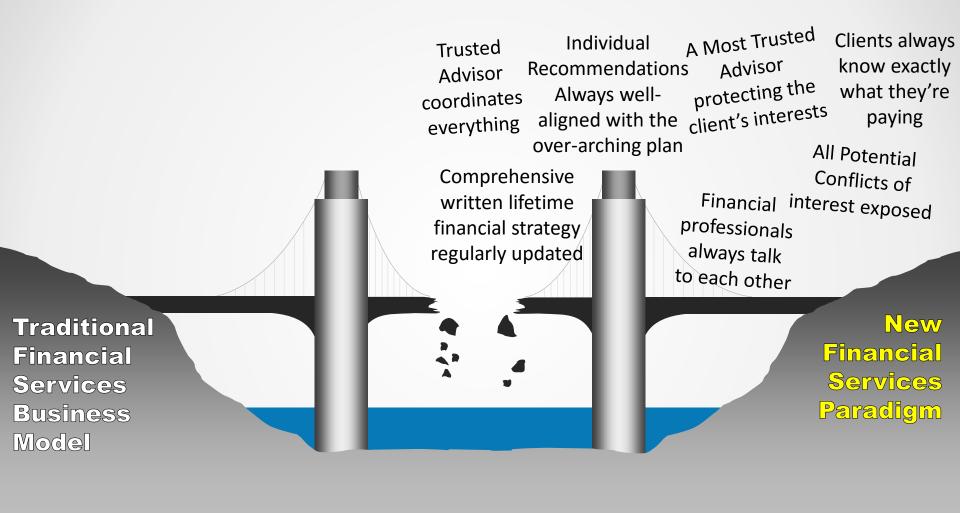
Newer advisors have advantages over experienced veteran financial advisors

## The Traditional v. The New Paradigm

Ideal Clients are frustrated and are demanding more

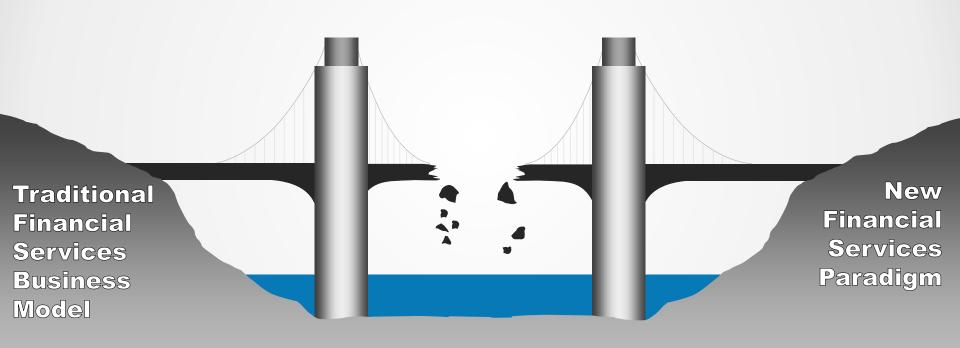






## Why Veteran Advisors Struggle

Why Newer Advisors Have The Advantage



Newer advisors are **not** complacent

Aren't afraid of the hard work required

#### **Blind Spots**

Newer advisors **don't** have blind spots

Aren't oblivious to market trends

#### **Fears Change**

Newer advisors **don't** fear change

Aren't jaded or cynical by past failures



## Complacent Blind Fear Spots Change

Blind Spots Fear Change

### **Newer Advisors are not complacent**

Newer Advisors are willing to work harder

- ✓ Make the effort to build a skilled team
- ✓ Put up with the hassles of staff
- ✓ Hustle to meet more Potential Ideal Clients
- ✓ Fight internal battles (compliance questions, etc...)

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## Success: A Breeding Ground for Complacency?











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I have a new guest post up on Dan McCarthy's Great Leadership blog. In the article, I explain how success can lead to complacency, and I suggest a few ways leaders can re-energize their employees and position their organizations to seize big opportunities. Here's a brief excerpt:



individuals and organizations to become comfortable with their way of doing things. Businesses turn static. Workers turn their focus inward. Even the most dynamic of organizations can turn complacent, thinking that what they are doing is right, that there is no need to change, regardless of what's happening outside... My own research over more than three decades has shown the same results: despite being better prepared to take bold action, companies with a high level of achievement tend to feel content with the status que. They sit tight. They focus on themselves. And they ignore the rapidly changing world hand facts that clearly show the need to move in a new direction.

#### Here are some questions to determine whether complacency has set in,

- ✓ Are team conversations inwardly focused, and not about potential client's desires or potential competition?
- ✓ Are past failures discussed only to stall new initiatives ("we've tried that before"), rather than as learning experiences to improve & change?
- ✓ Do important meetings end with no decisions about what needs to happen immediately (or improvements needed now)?
- ✓ Do team members regularly blame others for problems, rather than taking responsibility and changing behavior?
- ✓ Are highly selective facts used to shoot down data that suggests there are major challenges or opportunities knocking at the door?



Blind Spots Fear Change

### **Newer Advisors less willing to miss opportunities**

Newer Advisors are more likely to,

- ✓ Focus on What's possible
- ✓ Pay attention to a changing market environment
- ✓ Listen to the marketplace
- ✓ Give affluent clients what they truly want
- ✓ Explore what clients are willing to pay

Blind Spots

Fear Change

### **Newer Advisors have fewer blind spots**

Veteran advisors are trained in opposite ways

- ✓ Sales v. Trusted Advisor
- ✓ Don't turn away any money
- ✓ Client's aren't willing to pay more

Blind Spots

Fear Change

## **Newer Advisors have fewer blind spots**

Veteran advisors think things like...

"No client is complaining about service" -and-

"Clients are getting what they're paying for"

Limiting beliefs which block taking action to improve

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### **Newer Advisors have fewer blind spots**

Veteran advisors are oblivious to market trends

-and-

Evolution of client thinking and expectations

You can't change what you don't understand

Why more advisors don't implement is uncomplicated,

"It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his job depends on not understanding it. "

Upton Sinclair

Blind Spots Fear Change

## **Newer Advisors have less change**

People Hate Change

Blind Spots Fear Change

## **Newer Advisors have less change**

A new improved business model means more change for veterans than it does for newer advisors

Blind Spots Fear Change

Before I began this change I had 1,242 clients

17 Ideal Clients
And 1,225 Non-ideal Clients

My goal was 100 Ideal Clients So...

I was faced with seeking 83 new Ideal Clients And disengaging from 1,225 Non-ideal Clients That's a LOT of change

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### **Newer Advisors are fresh and optimistic**

- √ Veteran advisors can be jaded & cynical
- ✓ View any improvement as a hassle: Feel like they've tried everything before
- ✓ Don't have a great record of implementing (sticking with something)
- ✓ Are tired & unwilling to deal with the inevitable staff push-back
- **✓ Entitlement mentality: I'm immune**

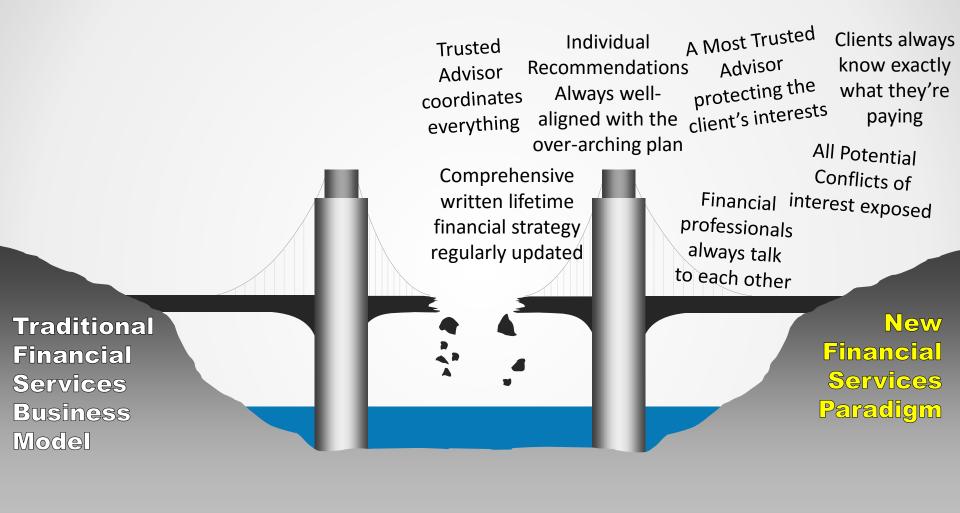
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## At a certain age affluent clients actively seek younger professionals

## Eliminate all limiting beliefs

Stay focused upon the new financial paradigm which Ideal Clients want

Stay focused upon Truly Comprehensive Financial Services<sup>TM</sup>



Why more advisors don't implement is uncomplicated,

"It's Easy To Do...

...It's Easier Not To"

Jim Rohn

## Why Newer Advisors Have The Advantage

