

The Advisor PACT Monthly Session™

October 20, 2020 Hosted by Mark Little How much benefit do you want from today's session?



Are you ready to be here and no place else?

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To have the best experience today...

- ✓ Turn everything else off.
- ✓ For the next hour, don't check emails
- ✓ Close all browsers
- ✓ Turn off your Phone
- ✓ Multi-tasking isn't a thing (focus is the thing)

Have You Considered...

Something discussed today might just be a game-changer for your business? You might miss it... if you're not focused.

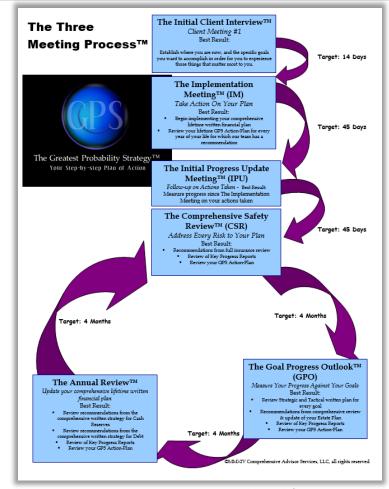


Questions for today's session

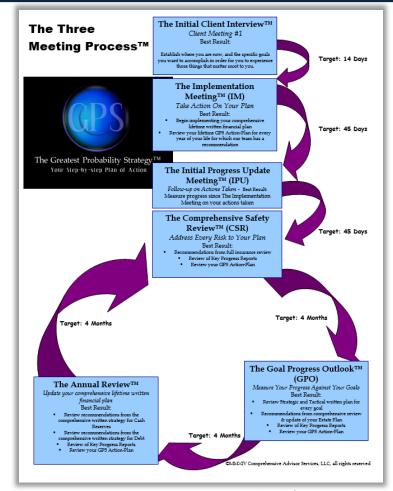
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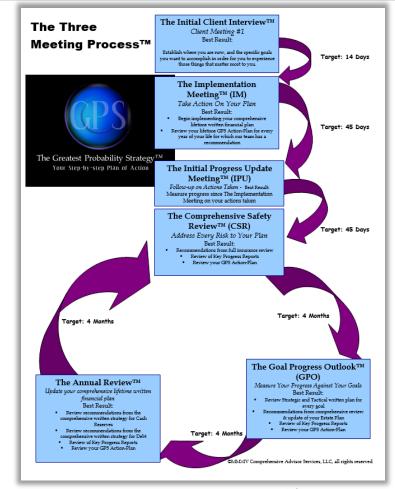
How do I make sure my team is capable of exceeding my Ideal Clients' expectations? For example my tax expert is excellent, but I only send clients over when there's a tax need.



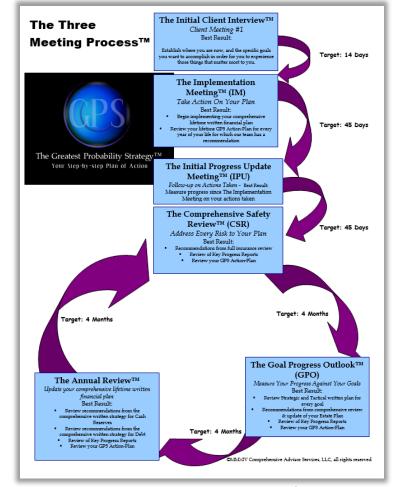
The Advisor P.A.C.T. Monthly Program™ utilizes **Truly Comprehensive** Financial Services™



When you're offering **Truly Comprehensive** Financial Services™ **Every client has** "tax needs"

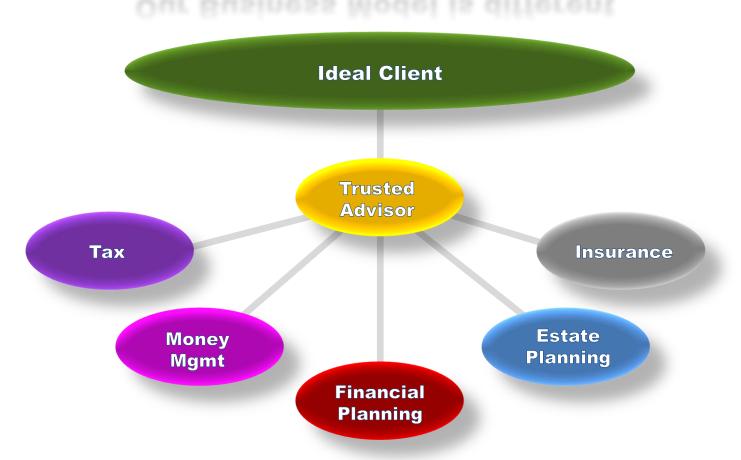


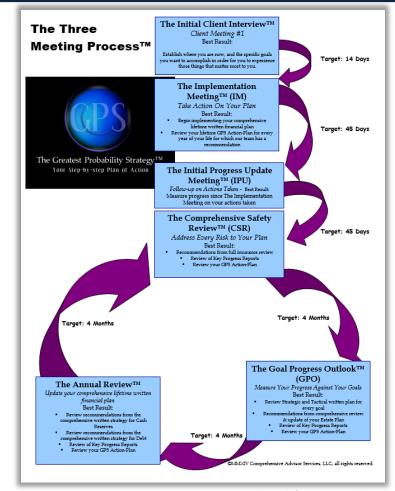
Therefore your Tax Expert, as well, as all your SMEs, have a role in **EVERY Client Progress** Meeting



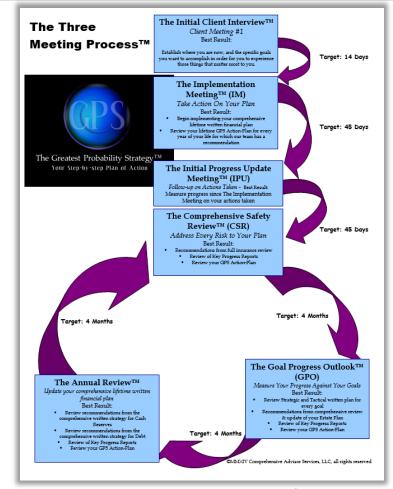
It's each SMEs job to work to exceed every Ideal Client's expectations, therefore every SME prepares for all meetings

Our Business Model is different



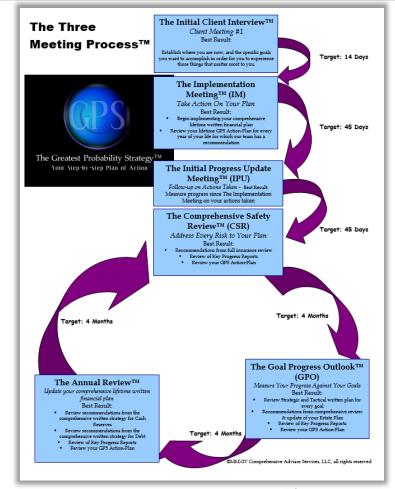


It's not your role to show an SME how to exceed an Ideal Client's expectations



It's your SME's role to show you evidence of what they've done to exceed every Ideal **Client's expectations**

(at performance reviews every 4-months)



Accomplishing that means only inviting **SMEs onto your** team who already know how to impress Ideal Clients







The Best in Class Assessment MeetingTM

Confirm that

- 1. SME has more Ideal Clients than you.
- This SME is highly motivated to exceed your Ideal Clients' expectations
 - ✓ Is already routinely impressing clients
 - ✓ Shows you ample evidence of how.

We recommend...

- 1. Conduct BICA at their offices.
- 2. Invite your AM to attend (to document all their processes)

Set the stage...

- 1. Don't tell them you're building a team that will work closely together (yet).
- 2. Keep it simple:
 - ✓ My clients have needs, you do what my clients need (imply fee for service ...imply a referral arrangement)
 - ✓ EX: You're a tax expert ...my clients need a tax expert



Explain what you want...

- ✓ At our last meeting I was impressed with your client service process.
- ✓ I'd like to see it in action, so I understand before I send clients over.
- ✓ I'm only interested in your process for clients who meet my Ideal Client Profile

Take "5 passes" through their process...

Pass 1: [Free Flow]
Why don't you just walk me step-by-step
through what you do for these clients in
order to exceed their expectations?

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Take "5 passes" through their process...

Pass 2: [Milestones]

So the first step in your process is your initial appointment with them, right?
What's the first milestone after that?
(the first thing you produce or do for them after that?)
What's the second milestone (etc, etc)

Take "5 passes" through their process...

Pass 3: [Advisor PACT™]

PROTECTION: What do you do so your clients know you've got their back and you're protecting them (from drifting off track, from implementing conflicting recommendations from other SMEs, etc).

ATTENTION, COORDINATION, TRANSPARENCY

Take "5 passes" through their process...

Pass 4: [Areas of personal finance]

My clients are often complex and have financial issues that crossover between several areas of finance. I'd like to know what you do when that occurs with your Ideal Clients.

Ask what they do to understand the other areas?

Take "5 passes" through their process...

Pass 5: [What's missing?]

Ask them what they don't do routinely within their area of finance?

How does that get handled?

Try to identify what's missing (what haven't you heard?)

Encourage your AM to ask about any gaps noticed

At the end, it's simple...

- 1. Was this SME's process impressive?
- 2. Were you and your AM impressed?
- 3. What are the odds your Ideal Clients will be impressed

This is NOT about technical competence...

- ✓ We will assume every SME candidate is technically competent
- ✓ During the "5 passes" you must clearly see technical competence
 - (make sure to ask to see samples of their work)
- ✓ If not *technically competent* then **politely disengage** immediately (no need to finish)



Politely disengage if...

- 1. This SME has less than 2 Admin Support
- 2. Has fewer Ideal Clients than you do (min 25)
- 3. Is not impressive

(over & above technical competence, which is a "given")



Move forward to The Deal Structure Meeting™ only if...

- 1. This SME has 2+ Admin Support
- 2. Has more Ideal Clients than you do
- 3. Is quite impressive

Not unusual to interview **100**SME Candidates before finding one who meets this criteria



What should I be doing to help my business owner clients? If my client plans to keep working for another 7 years, and even then may never sell there business, is there anything I should be doing right now?

Should you offer "business services" to help business owners increase value...

- ✓ Only as a separate service
- ✓ Much better to find a specialist (an SME)
- ✓ Short of that, your role is simply to ask questions, and maintain files.

Files you must maintain for EVERY business owner...

- ✓ Current Balance Sheet (within 12-mo)
- ✓ P&L Statements for the past 3-yrs
- ✓ Cash flow statement
- ✓ Inventory of assets & real estate (with est. mkt values)
- ✓ Employee census (name, compensation, DOB, Date of hire, employee type, benefits, etc)

✓ Eight (8) Critical Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client

✓ Document their responses in your files and update the responses regularly

Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client (document their responses in your files)...

KEY QUESTION 1: What's your business worth? (walk me step-by-step how you would defend that number to a potential buyer of the business some day)

Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client (document their responses in your files)...

KEY QUESTION 2: Could you walk me through your P&L? (Pretend I'm a potential buyer & persuade me about the future profitability of the business. Ensure there's a vision of a bright future for the company)

Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client (document their responses in your files)...

KEY QUESTION 3: Are there any risky concentrations in the business?

- **✓** Clients
- **✓** Products
- ✓ Markets
- **✓** Suppliers

Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client (document their responses in your files)...

KEY QUESTION 4: Are there any tight cashflow periods throughout the year? How much working capital is best (does your working capital ever dip below that at any point during the year)?

Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client (document their responses in your files)...

KEY QUESTION 5: How reliable is revenue?

- **✓** Contractual Subscription Revenue
- ✓ Recurring Revenue (auto-renewal)
- ✓ Consumables
- ✓ Revenue is NOT recurring

QUESTION: What's the plan to move revenue-types up this hierarchy?

Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client (document their responses in your files)...

KEY QUESTION 6: How much control do you have over pricing?
How unique is your product
(commodity or unique product?
The more unique, the more pricing control).

Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client (document their responses in your files)...

KEY QUESTION 7: How satisfied are your customers/clients?
Pretend I'm a potential buyer and walk me through the evidence you have to back that up. (KEY: NPS & referral tracking)

Questions you must ask EVERY business owner client (document their responses in your files)...

KEY QUESTION 8: How dependent is the company on you? Pretend I'm a potential buyer and explain the best plan for replacing all the things you do (NOTE: Start NOW on that project. Don't wait)

- ✓ The better the responses to those 8 questions...
- ✓ ...the higher the value of their business
- ✓ Encourage them to start working immediately to improve the responses to those questions
- ✓ Will not only increase value, it will improve profitability and operations along the way
- ✓ If they're willing to improve their business, acquire an SME to work one-on-one with business owners

Small to Medium-Sized Business Owners

Represent a Major Opportunity Right Now

- ✓ There are 28 million Small to Medium-Sized Business Owners in the United States
- ✓ 25% will have owners age 60+ (by 2022)
- ✓ 2.3 million will be listed for sale over the next12 months (8.3%)
- ✓ Yet only 194k actually sold last year (source bizbuysell.com)
- ✓ Only 1 in 12 businesses sell in the United States

Small to Medium-Sized Business Owners Represent a Major Opportunity Right Now

- √ 10,000 people are retiring every day (source WSJ)
- ✓ 19% of them own Small to Medium-Sized Business (source Forbes)
- √ 4½ million businesses will attempt to sell their businesses (exit) over the next 10-years (\$10trillion)



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Send us everything you want us to review...

- 1. Recording of the meeting
- 2. Documents prepared for the meeting
- 3. Complete a self-coaching assessment
 - ✓ What went well. Here's what could have gone better.
 - ✓ If I had the meeting to do over, here's what I'd do differently.

The Advisor PACT™ Recording Program

You'll receive...

- 1. A coached version of your recording Including all coaching comments.
- 2. Comments and feedback, on all meeting reports and document prep you sent us.
- 3. A 60-minute one-on-one coaching call to discuss the meeting recording.

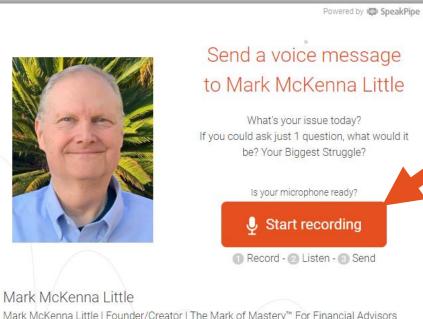
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\$1,100 for coaching each meeting recording

- ✓ One-on-one coaching is beyond the scope of The Advisor P.A.C.T. Monthly Program™
- ✓ So just let us know you have a meeting you'd like us to coach and we'll send you payment instructions as well as a link to submit the recording and documents.
- ✓ Click "Contact Us" (found on every page of our system)







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The Ideal Advisor Profile for The Advisor P.A.C.T. Monthly Program™

This program is best suited for a financial advisor who,

- ✓ Likes the idea of doing a "whole lot more" for a "whole lot fewer" Ideal Clients who pay significantly higher compensation for the unprecedented level of services provided.
- ✓ Is committed to implementing Truly Comprehensive Financial Services™ at some point in the future, and as quickly as possible.
- ✓ Recognizes the wisdom of delivering Comprehensive Financial Services through a skilled team of Subject Matter Experts (Tax, financial planning, tax, estate planning, & insurance)... rather than serving as a one-man-band.
- ✓ Is willing to make the effort to implement this new business model to fill the gap in the marketplace created by financial advisors, and a financial services industry, unable or unwilling to provide Ideal Clients the Comprehensive Financial Services they desire.