

The Mon代的y Session Monthly Live Advice Session

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Questions

✓ I have too many The Initial Client Interview[™] (FRM) reschedules

✓ SMEs must be a lifelong learner: to keep coming up with 5 Action Items 3X per year.

Question #1

✓ I have too many The Initial Client Interview™ (FRM) reschedules (scheduling, documents, leery spouse)

Always Confirm The 2 Rules 3X

Confirm 3 times in advance, then enforce them live



The 2 Rules

are critical to The Initial Client Interview™ success

- 1. It's important that both of you attend
 - 2. You'll need to be able to share all of your financial documents



The 3 confirmations of The 2 Rules

- 1. When the appointment is scheduled
- 2. Email confirmation in advance
- 3. Phone confirmation the day prior



The confirmation elements for The 2 Rules

Confirm day, date, time & venue. Then say...

- ✓ It's important that both of you attend and that you bring all of your financial documents.
- ✓ If one of you can't make it, or if you don't have your financial documents, no problem. Just call and we'll reschedule to another day.

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After confirming these 2 ground-rules 3X, compliance will be high

Otherwise politely *disengage* live

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Here's what to do if your reschedule rate seems high

Common Rescheduling Issues

1. Coordinating a time with the other spouse.

- ✓ Let's book 2 scheduling options right now & you can let me know which one confirms (or offer 2 more & I'll make one of them work)
- ✓ Let's book a time right now, and give me their number and I'll either confirm it or I'll get back to you with a couple of times that work better for them.

Common Rescheduling Issues

- 2. Gathering financial documents seems hard.
- ✓ Unsure what to bring? provide a checklist
- ✓ Can't locate documents? Get a short-list of what's easy to locate & what's hard to locate. Offer to help.
- ✓ **Trust issue**. You sense they're not yet at the point they're willing to show you their documents. Enforce & assure.

This assumes they're **motivated** to sit down with you to "talk business"

If they have a "Significant Financial Issue" then they should be motivated to meet.

Otherwise, your skills may need improvement

Motivation Check

"What would be the best outcome if you have a breakthrough of clarity on this issue we're meeting about?"

"How important is this issue to your spouse?"

"What are the obstacles?"

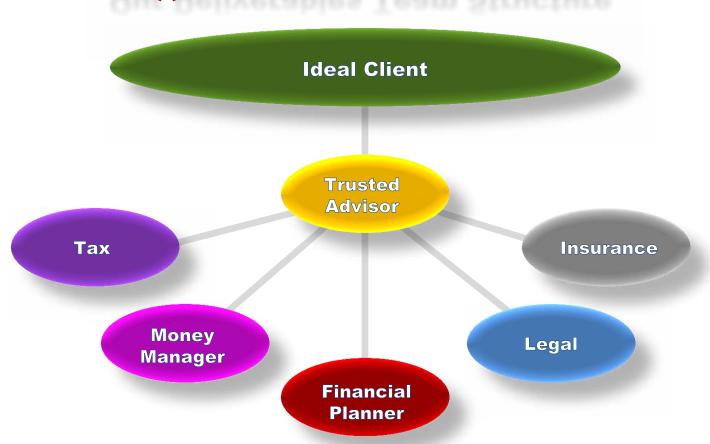
Question #2

✓ How to select a Subject Matter Expert that's up to the task:
 SMEs must be lifelong learners to continue coming up with
 5 Action Items 3X per year for every Ideal Client.

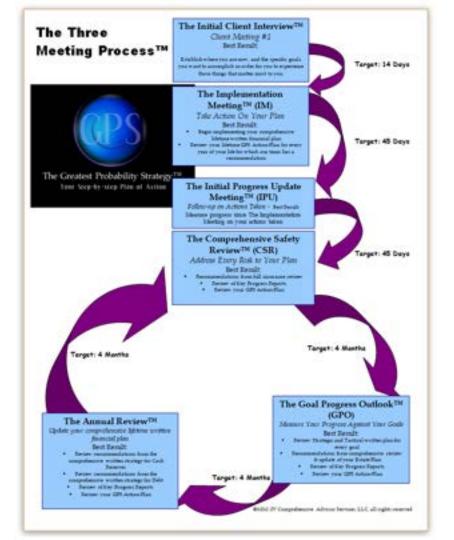


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Ideal Clients Expectations

Planning ahead for your **greatest** challenge in Truly Comprehensive Financial Services™

...continuing to impress Ideal Clients in years 2+



Ideal Clients Expectations

- ✓ Ideal Clients are easier to please in year 1
- ✓ Ideal Clients are **harder** to please in year 2
- ✓ Ideal Clients are **SUBSTANTIALLY harder** to please in years 3+

New Fresh Ideas

This is the **only thing** that will consistently exceed Ideal Clients' expectations.

That's why the SME Standard is so critical



New Fresh Ideas

The standard required of all SMEs is,
"I expect you to provide **5 IMPRESSIVE Action Items**or recommendations every 4-months
(3X per year)"

"...with a minimum of 3 IMPRESSIVE Action Items or recommendations per meeting (15 per year)"



Financial Planning Subject Matter Expert Asks Us for Help

- ✓ Mark, do you have any tips or tricks regarding new ideas for a long-time clients who don't have very complicated situations?
- ✓ The standard gets harder & harder over the years.

My response...

- ✓ Since the standard is 5 new ideas prior to every client progress meeting (minimum 3 per meeting), I recommend you select a specific client for us to review together.
- ✓ Every Ideal Client could improve their financial affairs at any given point in time. Agreed? There's always an opportunity for...
 - ✓ Better personal financial organization or tracking.
 - ✓ Accelerating goals.
 - ✓ Improving some aspect of a client's overall financial affairs.
- ✓ You're NOT limited to your area of expertise (Financial Planning).
 You may make recommendations in any area.
- ✓ So select a client & do a "deep dive" into the file & possibly meet.

His response was impressive...

- ✓ Coordinate with the other Subject Matter Experts
- ✓ Stretch & Grow
 - ✓ Be a lifelong learner
 - ✓ Keep your quiver full of arrows

New Fresh Ideas

- ✓ This is why most initial SMEs wash-out
 (unable or unwilling to meet the standard over time)
- ✓ Trusted Advisor's role to update team on each Ideal Client's expectations after every client progress meeting
- ✓ Subject Matter Expert's role to continue providing 3-5 IMPRESSIVE Action Items & recommendations every 4 months FOREVER.

New Fresh Ideas

- ✓ Leadership means enforcing this standard without fail
- ✓ Requires restating The Team Goal nearly every time you meet with an SME.
- ✓ Requires conducting SME Expectations Conversations at least once every 4 months (3X per year to enforce this single simple standard)

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