Law Practice Profitability Checkup

Indicate Your Agreement or Disagreement on The Following

YES NO DNK (Do Not Know)

1.	I am happy with the financial performance of my practice?	YES	NO	DNK
2.	I am happy with the earnings that I am deriving from my practice?	YES	NO	DNK
3.	I believe that the financial performance of my practice is on par with other firms my size and type of practice?	YES	NO	DNK
4.	I currently have an appropriate volume of work needed to meet my practice's financial goals?	YES	NO	DNK
5.	I currently have the appropriate type/mix of legal work needed to meet my practice's financial and other goals?	YES	NO	DNK
6.	I actively "work the books", management my pipeline, and stay on top of the following financial benchmarks using financial dashboards?	?		
	a. Fee Collections	YES	NO	DNK
	b. Fee Billings	YES	NO	DNK
	c. Accounts Receivable	YES	NO	DNK
	d. Work-in-Progress	YES	NO	DNK
	e. Unbilled Client Advances	YES	NO	DNK
	f. Realization Rate	YES	NO	DNK
	g. Individual Attorney and Paralegal Productions	YES	NO	DNK
	h. Retainers Approaching 85-90% Used	YES	NO	DNK
7.	My firm has an income and expense budget for the firm?	YES	NO	DNK
8.	My firm is on budget for this year?	YES	NO	DNK

9. Your firm's performance on the Financial Red Flag indicators?

a.	Reduction in fees collected by 15% or more	YES	NO	DNK
b.	Reduction in fees billed by 15% or more	YES	NO	DNK
c.	Annual billable hours less than 1500 hours for attorneys	YES	NO	DNK
	and paralegals			
d.	Declining inventory/pipeline (WIP, A/R, New Cases)	YES	NO	DNK
e.	WIP over 180 days >15%	YES	NO	DNK
f.	A/R over 180 days >25%	YES	NO	DNK
g.	Occupancy Expense >10% revenue	YES	NO	DNK
h.	Gross profit margin less than 35%	YES	NO	DNK
i.	Billing realization less than 95%	YES	NO	DNK
j.	Collection Realization less than 97%	YES	NO	DNK

10. This year my firm's financial experience:

a.	YTD fee receipts are declining	YES	NO	DNK
b.	YTD fee billings are declining	YES	NO	DNK
c.	A/R balance in increasing	YES	NO	DNK
d.	Clients taking longer to pay	YES	NO	DNK
	A/R balance over 30 days/60 days/ etc increasing			
e.	WIP balance increasing	YES	NO	DNK
f.	Write-offs increasing	YES	NO	DNK
g.	Is the firm's inventory of work decreasing?	YES	NO	DNK
h.	Is the mix of cases appropriate – contingent vs flat	YES	NO	DNK
	rate retainer work that can be turned into cash			
	quicker.			
i.	Is there a high risk level in your client/case mix?	YES	NO	DNK
11. Ou	r clients would hire us again on their next matter.	YES	NO	DNK



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