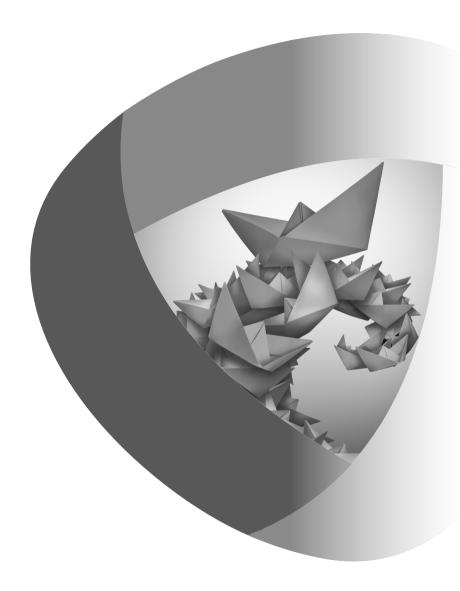
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Executive summary

The world of work is changing, and law firms are not exempt from the revolution. Today, satisfactory pay and the promise of partnership – somewhere down the line – are simply not enough to attract, retain, and motivate the very best legal talent. Increasingly, lawyers want flexibility, challenge, and variety in their work. Rather than seeing this as a threat, law firms that embrace the opportunity to reconsider their assumptions and approach work in new and innovative ways will lead the way into the future.

Talent management is not only critically important for law firms, it is also increasingly on the agenda of clients who take a greater interest than formerly in how their work is carried out, the makeup of their legal teams, and whether firms' compensation systems incentivize desired behaviors like efficiency, rather than simply rewarding hours billed or new business brought in.

This comprehensive handbook provides practical advice and guidance designed to help firms to recruit, retain, and develop the very best legal talent for the 21st century. With contributions from a wide variety of thought leaders from the legal and business consulting industries, it covers key issues for law firms today, such as diversity and inclusion, engagement, workplace culture, compensation design, and approaches to learning and development.

Part 1 of this book, Talent Management in the 21st Century, discusses the core skills and outlook needed by today's lawyers, and how law firms can seek to promote them. In the first chapter in this section, Jill King, consultant at Jill King Insights and former global HR director at Linklaters, discusses the changing nature of work and how firms and their staff can prepare for the "future normal". This is followed by a chapter from Rachel Brushfield, founder of EnergiseLegal and Energise – The Talent Liberation Company, who describes the essential skills lawyers need in today's changing legal market, such as leadership, the ability to manage and engage people, cultural awareness and

inclusiveness, and insights from the new sciences; all of these topics are built upon elsewhere in this "toolkit".

With increasing pressure to do more with less, lawyers must be able to think innovatively in a legal world where client priorities are changing and new, potentially disruptive, technologies and business models are shaking up the profession. In the next chapter, Duncan Hart, director of Duncan Hart Consulting, describes the beliefs, attitude, and values which encourage "innovation thinking" and how to achieve strategic innovation and drive change in a law firm environment.

Finally in this section, Rebecca Normand-Hochman, partner at Venturis Consulting Group, provides guidance on aligning talent management and firm strategies to support attracting and retaining the best talent.

They say that "culture eats strategy for breakfast". In acknowledgement of this home truth, Part 2 of this book, Engagement and Culture, describes how cultural changes can drive collaboration, communication, and efficiency, and provides advice on how to "sell" those changes to the firm as a whole.

In the first chapter in this section Emerson Csorba, president of Csorba & Company Ltd., and director of Gen Y Inc. Eric Termuende, provide recommendations for leaders in the legal sector to help them take advantage of a growing millennial workforce, based on interviews with young lawyers across the UK, US, and Canada.

The business case for diversity – whether of age, ethnicity, or gender – is well established. More diverse teams are proven to perform better, and increasingly clients expect law firms to able to offer diverse perspectives. In the next chapter, Lisa B. Horowitz, founder and principal advisor of the Attorney Talent Strategy Group LLC, describes how a strategy that *intentionally* aligns and integrates efforts to advance inclusiveness and embeds them into the fabric of the firm through the TM function will facilitate a firm's ability to effectively and efficiently leverage the diverse talents of all its attorneys.

The benefits of cross-selling are myriad but may not necessarily be as evident to individual partners as they seem to the leadership. Expert advice is provided here from renowned business development coach David H. Freeman, who describes how to overcome typical barriers in order to make cross-selling a pillar of the firm's culture and promote growth across the firm.

As the author of the final chapter in Part 2 notes, many firms see their support functions merely as "cost centers to be tolerated", and

often even the teams themselves do not recognize their true potential to make a valuable firm-wide contribution. Knowledge management leader and law firm consultant V. Mary Abraham, co-founder of Broadli Inc., describes how this potential can be realized, and specifically the role of good leadership in driving innovation, communication, and profitability.

How do you measure the performance of your people? What are your key performance indicators, and how do you reward these in a way that will be seen as fair and equitable by all? This important topic is discussed in Part 3 of this book, Performance and Reward.

The first chapter in this section, co-authored by Peter Scott, founder of Peter Scott Consulting, and Richard Wyatt, finance director at Greenwoods Solicitors LLP and owner of Cambridge Blue Square Management, shows how performance assessment and management techniques can give firms the tools they need to keep lawyers happy – and to stop talent walking out the door. The topic of compensation as a powerful driver for behavior is then continued by Joel A. Rose, president of Joel A. Rose & Associates Inc., who provides guidance on identifying criteria for determining partner compensation, and ensuring that partners are clear about, and on-board with, how their contributions are evaluated and rewarded.

The next chapter then looks more specifically at the vexed question of origination credit and the challenges that, in particular, women lawyers face in receiving their due for the work they bring in. Marianne Trost, The Women Lawyers Coach, discusses how women should approach often inflexible origination systems.

Of course, money is only one of the "rewards" that serve to motivate staff, and according to the authors of the next chapter, it is not necessarily the most effective – especially when it comes to the millennial generation. Dr Bob Murray and Dr Alicia Fortinberry, co-founders and principals of Fortinberry Murray, describe how verbal relational rewards (such as praise or recognition) and also the chance to learn something new (social rewards) can be extremely effective at reinforcing behavioral change – more so than material rewards.

As the first four chapters in this section show, there is more than one way to compensate and incentivize desired behaviors, and different systems will suit different firms. But, turning this on its head, how do you deal with *unwanted* behaviors and *failure* to perform? In the final chapter in this section, Nick Jarrett-Kerr, principal of Edge International, describes three essential infrastructure elements that will help firms address this problem area.

The fourth and final part of this book looks at career development, opening with a chapter from Norman Letalik, former partner and managing director of professional excellence at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (now general counsel and corporate secretary at Volkswagen Group Canada Inc.), who discusses the "new normal" in legal education and the role of knowledge management in developing talent.

While partnership is no longer the brass ring that it once was, it is still the ambition of many young lawyers. In the next chapter, Mike Mister, partner in Moller PSF Group, and Rob Lees, consultant to PSF leaders worldwide, look at the stages a partner passes through – from establishing their practice through to "life after partnership" – and explain why understanding these phases is key to improving partners' contributions to your law firm at each step of their career.

The book concludes with two case studies that provide some insight into what firms today are doing to foster the personal and professional growth of their partners and staff. The first focuses on professional development, and in particular the role of mentoring, at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP. The second explores Baker & McKenzie's approach to personnel management, the current initiatives that have seen the global firm widely recognized as being among the world's most innovative professional services firms, and the steps the firm is taking to ensure that its people continue to define and drive its culture and working practices.

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