

[What Motivates You? Take a Lesson from Serena Williams](#)

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The US Open began this week. Some time ago I read a [Success Magazine](#) cover article [Game, Set, Match](#) about [Serena Williams](#).

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What motivates you? I have known many very unhappy lawyers who were solely motivated to make more money. I have known many very happy lawyers who were motivated by their desire to help their clients. Think about what Serena said in the article. Enjoy a simple life with simple pleasures of being happy and helping your clients achieve their goals. That is really what practicing law is all about.

I saw a great blog post this week [12 Things Happy People Do Differently](#). It really resonated with me because, looking back, I have been happy when I have done the things on the list.

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