

How to Create an Effective Positioning Statement for Your Law Firm

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The goal of an effective positioning statement in your <u>law firm marketing</u> strategy is to clearly define what perception you want to instill in your clients' minds when they think of how your law firm practices a particular area of law. In the end, your law firm marketing positioning statement must be:

**Unique** – it must clearly differentiate you from your competitors and your other areas of practice



**Positive** – it must create a positive image in the clients mind.

**Memorable** – While your clients certainly do not have to know or recall the specific words you use to describe your unique position, the key ideas should come through loud and clear.

Use these 5 steps to create your law firm marketing positioning statement:

### Step 1: Know and Understand Your Competition

- Names of law firms
- Names of their partners
- Which services they do and do not provide
- How much they charge (per hour, any retainer size)
- Who they target with their legal marketing efforts
- Approximate annual revenues
- Which law firm marketing techniques they use to find clients
- Growth strategies

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### Step 2: Know How the Top 3 Position Themselves

- Elite?
- Inexpensive?
- The biggest firm in the region, in the field?
- Highly-specialized?
- Bi-lingual?

## Step 3: Know Their Strengths and Weaknesses

- Do they have a reputation for settling out of court or do they litigate more often than your firm does?
- What is their win-loss record?
- What do they do better than you do?
- What do they not do well?
- · Where are they vulnerable?

# Step 4: Identify What is Unique About Your Area of Practice Relative to the Competition

Once you know your competition very, very well, the next step is to use that information to clarify how you are:

- Different
- Better
- Faster
- More responsive
- More experienced
- Smarter

### Step 5: Articulate Your Position in Two Sentences or Less

When you are able to clarify your law firm marketing position in a concise manner, it is easier for you, your associates to remember it, articulate it, emulate it and use it to quide your law firm marketing messages.

That is where the greatest value comes. The result is a consistent, clear voice that guides your interaction with clients and your law firm marketing efforts.

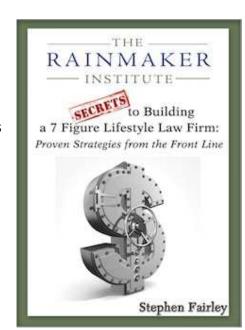
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He works exclusively with attorneys and partners at small and solo law firms to find new clients fast using online and offline legal marketing strategies and to convert more prospects into paying clients using automated marketing and by fixing their follow up systems.

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Stephen's work has been noted and quoted in the American Bar Association's Journal, Entrepreneur, Inc., Fortune Small Business, Harvard Management Update, Business Advisor, the Chicago Tribune, Crain's Chicago Business, and on the front covers of AdvantEdge and Choice magazines. He is a member of the prestigious National Speaker's Association and his Rainmaker seminars are sponsored several times every year by some of the largest state and local bar associations in the country.

On a personal note, Stephen loves to travel and has been to 28 countries, has taken 12 cruises (all over the Caribbean and recently to Alaska), he enjoys boating, fishing and his two Bichon Frise dogs, is married to his college sweetheart, Ruth, and loves living in the desert just outside of Phoenix, Arizona.

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