

5 Tips for Better Happiness at the Office

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Simple Adjustments Make a World of Difference

There's nothing like unhappy, brooding coworkers.

They exude **negative energy** and tend to suck the life out of an otherwise happy, healthy office environment.

Are you one of those people?

If so, TURN YOUR ATTITUDE AROUND!

Here are five ways you can adjust your professional life to become a happier person.

1. Become a mentor.

Chances are you had a mentor in law school, now it's your turn!

Think of the problems you'll help solve, the advice you'll give, and the new relationships you'll grow. Recognize the value in becoming a mentor and the people who'll really appreciate having you at their side.

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2. Adjust your job description.

Do you love arguing in a courtroom but can't stand detailed research work? See if you can trade tasks with a coworker.

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Your drudgery might be relaxing for someone else.

3. Propose a special project.

Give yourself an opportunity to shine by proposing a special project.

Love to talk with people? Offer to create a collection of tips on how-to-succeed-at-networking derived from interviewing colleagues around the firm.

A project like this will make you **feel useful** and **appreciated** around the office. It may also help you build stronger relationships with your coworkers.

4. Make your workspace feel more like home.

If you can't work from home in a <u>virtual law office</u>, bring some creature comforts of home to work!

Put an oriental rug under your desk or a small copy of your favorite painting on your cubical wall. Little things go a long way. **Just make sure your personal touches aren't too distracting.**

5. Practice some common stress busters.

Stress can weigh heavy and be the source of negative energy.

Take a few moments throughout the day to relax. Consider <u>meditation</u> or an at-your-desk yoga session.

You'll be surprised at how energized you'll feel after a few slow, deep breaths and stretches.

Happiness at work is not about keeping the break room stocked with donuts.

It's a mindset.

Simple adjustments around the office will go a long in making your workday more fulfilling!

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