

BOOT CAMP FOR JUNIOR LAWYERS

TOP 10 TIPS FOR FAMILY LAW LAWYERS

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1. Managing client expectations -- don't over-promise
2. Billing monthly and retainers
3. You do not have to accept every client that walks through your door, and it is not your divorce
4. You cannot create facts
5. Communication with clients -- the dilemma of billing hourly
6. Get along with court house staff
7. Do not alienate other lawyers
8. Know what you do not know
9. It is best not to "dabble" in Family Law
10. Shadow other lawyers whenever possible in chambers, trial and Court of Appeal