# 37+ Places For Lawyers to Get Published That Bring Value to Your Firm



Bring Value to Your Firm

Business development is based on one important detail, value.

The more value you provide to those around you, the more value you're able to capture for yourself and your firm. Here's a common assumption many veteran attorneys make. They assume hovering is enough to close the sale.

Make your clients happy, then stay on the top of their mind. If only it were that easy.

## Getting published creates value for your firm

When lawyers get published properly they're able to reap significant rewards from their hard work. These benefits compound with time, creating value at the individual, firm and industry level.

- **Traffic.** Authors receive a steady flow of traffic, leads, clients, and revenue due to the quality of their work. The more thought leadership your prospects see, the more likely they are to frequent your site/firm.
- **Authority.** Thought leadership establishes you as a leader among influential attorneys. Authority produces greater levels of trust, acceptance and fee resilience. Clients are willing to pay the high fees you request as a result of the authority you convey.
- **Prestige.** A social hierarchy that ideally establishes your position in relation to other attorneys/firms. Thought leadership confers the authority, trust, and prestige inherent to the publisher and transfers it to you. Write for the Wall Street Journal and you receive the authority and trust that comes with that accomplishment.
- **Partnerships** produce revenue and profit. With the right partnerships, you're able to win new clients before they begin shopping. Command a large degree of trust which leads to greater cooperation from clients, partners, contractors and referral sources.

Here's the dilemma.

Most attorneys aren't sure where or how to attract attention from publishers. They're not sure how to use their thought leadership to create value for their firm.

Here's how you do it.

You begin with (a.) your practice and focus areas (b.) a list of publishers that meet a set list of criteria and (c.) a firm understanding of the content they're looking for.

### (a.) Practice/focus areas

Administrative law	Alternative dispute resolution	Anti-trust litigation
Appellate	Aviation and aerospace	Bankruptcy
<b>Business litigation</b>	Business/corporate law	Civil rights
Class action/mass torts	Construction litigation	Consumer law
Creditor/debtor rights	Criminal defense	Employment/labor law
Energy and natural	Entertainment and sports	Environmental law
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Estate, trust and probate Family law Food and drugs Gaming law General litigation Government finance Healthcare law **Immigration** Insurance coverage Election, campaign and Intellectual property Lobbying political law Media and advertising Military/veterans law **Nonprofits** Professional liability Schools and education Personal injury Securities and corporate State, local and municipal Real estate finance litigation Transportation/maritime Tax law Technology law law

Next, find the top twenty publications that meet the following criteria.

- **Publications with authority.** Authoritative publications boost your value and prestige, providing you with a greater amount of influence and reach.
- Publications with traffic. Publications like <u>The American Lawyer</u>, <u>Law Technology Today</u> and <u>Trial Magazine</u> are great examples of popular, high traffic, attorney-focused publications. You'll want to reach out to popular publications with lots of unique visitors each month.
- Publications with opportunity. These are specialty publications that
  provide you with opportunities to win new business. In-house counsel
  publications such as <u>ACC Docket</u> and <u>Inside Counsel</u> and are key examples.

Next, you'll want to identify the publications, sorted by focus/practice area that meet these criteria. Here are a few examples of publications that are sorted by focus/practice area.

## (a.) Publications

#### **Business/corporate law**

Business Insider Entrepreneur magazine The Wall Street Journal

<u>Harvard Business Review</u> <u>Time</u> <u>The New York Times</u>

Forbes

#### **Bankruptcy law**

<u>Oblivious Investor</u> <u>Afford Anything</u> <u>Debt Roundup</u>

<u>Disease Called Debt</u> <u>Financial Samurai</u> <u>Everything Finance</u>

I Will Teach You To Be Rich Nerd Wallet Intuit Mint

#### Real estate law

Houzz Bigger Pockets CREOnline

<u>Zillow</u> <u>Trulia</u> <u>ZipRealty</u>

RedFin Home Bay HGTV

**Invest Four More** 

#### Tech/Intellectual property law

<u>Wired</u> <u>Ars Technica</u> <u>TechCrunch</u>

Mashable <u>LegalZoom</u> <u>Incorporate.com</u>

Recode.net Gigaom Engadget

<u>VentureBeat</u> <u>The Next Web</u>

What about industry-specific blogs and publications? Here's <u>a helpful list</u> of publications for attorneys and legal professionals.

What if you're not sure where to look? Here are a few ways you can identify the tools and resources you need.

- Use BuzzSumo to search for top performing content in your practice area.
- <u>Search Feedspot</u> for tangential categories that related to your practice or focus areas.
- Create a keyword query in <u>Google Alerts</u> + a custom email address to receive automated notifications from top sites.
- Use <u>search operators</u> in Google to identify top-rated publications that accept content from third parties (you). You can use the site name + keyword queries like "write for us," "site:domain.com AND "guest post"

Make sure the publications you've received meet the criteria (e.g. traffic, authority or opportunity) stated previously.

It seems straightforward because it is.

Third, you'll want to pitch these publications. Use simple rules of thumbs to maximize the results you're able to achieve with these publications.

- **Follow directions.** Many of these publications have a set of rules they'd like writers to adhere to. Find and follow these rules.
- **Value first.** Give editors at these publications the value they're looking for. These editors often receive 100 to 500 pitches *per day*. Your pitch should be valuable, focused on them, and concise.
- **Include the right details.** Editors want to see your name, relevant headline ideas, previous work and any relevant metrics (i.e. social media follower counts). Give them what they need immediately. Be scannable and focused on their needs.

Finally, write an amazing article. When appropriate, include a relevant link to a related resource on your website. Once these visitors arrive, work to convert them to customers.

## Published lawyers are more valuable lawyers

The more value you provide to those around you, the more value you're able to capture for yourself and your firm. Getting published creates a tremendous amount of value for your firm.

You're able to generate more authority, traffic, clients and revenue.

Most attorneys aren't sure where or how to attract attention from publishers. They're not sure how to use their thought leadership to create value for their firm. It starts with your practice area. Find top tier publications that are oriented around your focus areas.

Then you serve.

With consistent effort, you'll quietly become the rainmaker your firm needs to grow.