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## CRM and Business Development Technology Success Consultant

- 15 years experience working together with more than 300 top law firms across the country
- Background in Law, CRM Technology, Competitive Intelligence and Business Development
- Focus on Client service and CRM Success
- Team of more than 100 professionals
  - ☐ CRM Success consulting
  - □ Outsourced data quality and enhancement
  - ☐ Competitive intelligence reports



## **Technology Matchmaking**

#### Finding the Right Partner

- E-mail campaigns
- Event management
- Targeting / segmenting
- Who knows who
- Who knows what (experience / expertise tracking)
- Information delivery
- Reminders
- Activity tracking
- Marketing expense tracking / budgeting

- Industry marketing
- Referral tracking
- Alumni programs
- Client team support
- Cross-selling support
- Opportunity identification
- Opportunity tracking
- Pitch / RFP tracking
- ROI on sponsorships / tickets
- Identification of top or at risk Clients



#### The Suitors

#### Focus on Substance, Not Charm

- Technology should provide real value, not bells and whistles
  - ☐ Solve problems
  - □ Automate processes
  - ☐ Save time and money
  - Improve communication, coordinationand client service
  - ☐ Enable business development
  - □ Enhance revenue



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## **Dating**

#### Finding the Right Partner

- Enterprise Relationship Management (ERM)
  - □ Who knows who
  - □ Relationship strength
- eMarketing Tools
  - Campaigns
  - Events
- Pipeline Software
- Signature capture/scraping tools
- Event management tools
- Industry feeds
- Company information feeds
- Experience/expertise tracking software
- Alumni software
- Pitch/proposal software





## **Dating**

#### **Getting to Know Them**

- Budget
  - ☐ License vs. subscription
- Ease of use
- Hosted vs. cloud
- Privacy / security
- Data quality
- Integration
- Additional modules





## Courtship

#### You May Have to Kiss Some Frogs

- Exploring systems and options
  - □ Implementation
  - □ Ease of integration
  - □ Pricing
  - □ Terms
- Evaluating system providers
  - □ Experience
  - □ Service/support
  - ☐ Size/resources
  - References





## The Engagement & Pre-Nup

#### Negotiating the Agreement

- Getting Stakeholders involved in the purchase decision
- Evaluate/document processes and procedures
- Protecting your 'ass'ets
  - □ Privacy
  - □ Security
  - □ Proof of concept
  - □ Checking references





## **Getting Hitched**

- Types
  - Outlook
  - Financial
  - □ HR
  - ☐ Feeds, 3<sup>rd</sup> party content
- First, ask why
  - Communication, coordination, client service
  - Enhanced user experience or participation
  - □ Ease of access to information
  - Reduced time spent on redundant processes
- Consider the costs





## The Wedding Day

#### Installation and Rollout

- Commitment
  - Buy-in/participation
    - Management
    - End users
- Training
  - What's in it for them
  - □ How and why
- Communication
  - Successes
- Internal Support



## The Honeymoon

#### Now the Fun Begins!

- Success with business development technology
  - Marry your strategy with information
  - ☐ Prioritize & communicate goals
  - □ Understand objectives of stakeholders
  - ☐ Cross the firm silos
  - Develop metrics for success





## **Technology Marriage Counseling**

Understanding Reasons for Failure/Mistakes to Avoid

- Lack of buy-in: management, end users, staff
- Lack of resources: time, money and people
- Lack of strategy
- Incomplete planning
- Lack of adequate testing
- Lack of adoption





#### The Divorce Rate

- Up to 50% of first marriages end in divorce
  - □ Up to 67% of second marriages...
  - □ Up to 73% of third marriages ...
- Up to 70% of CRM (and other technology) implementations fail
  - ☐ You often don't get a second chance





## **Competitive Intelligence**

#### aka Business Development Intelligence

- Involves gathering and analyzing external information about competitors and the competitive environment
- Conducted through research
  - □ Using information databases and other sources
  - ☐ Asking questions
- Goal is to understand capabilities, vulnerabilities and intentions of Clients and competitors
- Can help your firm
  - Make better strategic decisions
  - ☐ Gain a competitive advantage



## CI/BDI Can Help To Get Intelligent About

- Competitors
- Companies
- Industries
- Clients / Prospects
- Growth
  - New hires
  - Mergers /acquisitions

- Industries
- Markets
- Relationships
- Trends
- Pricing / rates
- Litigation, deal and patent information



## **Happy Endings**

Questions / Takeaways



## **The Wedding Dance**

http://youtu.be/4-94JhLEiNO



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