Diverse Pathways to Success in the Public Sector

Fact or Fiction Audio Program
Segment 4 – Work-Life Balance

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Audio Program
This PowerPoint accompanies the audio programs by the same name. Our program is divided into four 20-minute segments:

- Getting Hired – Segment 1
- Job Performance – Segment 2
- Career Advancement – Segment 3
- Work-Life Balance – Segment 4

Each segment can be heard separately.
OVERVIEW

- Developing a successful legal career requires thoughtful decisions about our job choices.
- Public sector lawyers confront workplace issues that differ from private practice.
- The PowerPoint slides contain controversial statements which are addressed by our panelists – *Are they Fact or Fiction?*
- Information about the panelists is included in the first segment of our program.
PANELISTS AND MODERATOR

- Hon. Susan Burke, Hennepin County District Court, MN
- Jenae Naumann, Assistant City Attorney, Tempe, AZ
- Steve Vieux, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC
- Anne Dewey-Balzhiser (moderator), former General Counsel of two federal agencies
SEGMENT 4:
WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Balancing your work and your personal life just involves juggling all of the balls thrown your way.
Since succeeding as a lawyer requires single-minded devotion, attempting to lead a balanced life is almost futile.
Government and public interest jobs permit a better work-life balance.
PARTING THOUGHTS

- Take an organized approach to balancing your work and life responsibilities
- Having other interests makes you a more interesting person, which contributes to career success
- It’s okay to focus your energy on your career at some junctures but remember to refocus
- Public sector jobs often offer progressive employment practices