Well-Being Toolkit Nutshell: 80 Tips For Lawyer Thriving

Many legal employers are ready to become positive change agents on the path to lawyer well-being but are unsure where to start. To help, the American Bar Association’s Presidential Working Group to Advance Well-Being in the Legal Profession has launched the Well-Being Toolkit for Lawyers and Legal Employers. This nutshell summarizes 80 of the Toolkit’s key items to help get you started on a lawyer well-being initiative.

3 Reasons To Care About Well-Being
1. It’s the right thing to do
2. It impacts competence
3. It’s good for business

13 Healthy Workplace Factors
1. Culture of Trust
2. Mental Health Support
3. Effective Leadership
4. Civility & Respect
5. Good Person-Job Fit
6. Growth & Development
7. Recognition & Reward
8. Involvement & Influence
9. Workload Management
10. Employee Engagement
11. Work-Life Balance Support
12. Psychological Safety
13. Physical Safety

6 Dimensions Of Lawyer Well-Being
1. Occupational: Satisfaction, Growth, Financial Stability
2. Emotional: Manage Emotions & Protect Mental Health
3. Physical: Healthy Lifestyle, Help-Seeking When Needed
4. Intellectual: Learn, Pursue Challenge, Keep Developing
5. Spiritual: Meaning & Purpose
6. Social: Connection, Belonging, Contributing

8-Step Action Plan For Launching A Well-Being Program
1. Enlist Leaders
2. Start a Well-Being Committee
3. Define Well-Being
4. Do a Needs Assessment
5. Identify Priorities
6. Make & Execute an Action Plan
7. Create a Well-Being Policy
8. Measure, Evaluate, & Improve
15 Ideas for Well-Being Activities & Events

1. Use a Well-Being Scorecard to Assess Leader Effectiveness
2. Create a Well-Being Knowledge Hub
3. Start a Well-Being-Related Book or Video Club
4. Launch and Support a Leader Development Program
5. Invest in Professional Coaches
6. Measure Well-Being
7. Get Creative with CLEs, e.g., Spin Class CLE Events
8. Celebrate a Well-Being Week
9. Maintain a Calendar of Well-Being Events
10. Do Well-Being Goal-Setting
11. Embed Well-Being in Content & Format of Meetings
12. Incorporate Well-Being into Promotions & Other Transitions
13. Offer Treadmill/Standing Desks
14. Add Mental Health Apps to Insurance Plans
15. Audit policies/practices that may impact well-being.

18 Topic Ideas For Education & Development

1. Detecting Warning Signs of Mental Health & Alcohol Use Disorders
2. Facilitating & Destigmatizing Help-Seeking
3. Enhancing A Sense of Autonomy & Control
4. Elevating Focus on Client Care
5. Work Engagement & Burnout
6. Stress Mindset
7. Resilience & Optimism
8. Mindfulness
9. Rejuvenation
10. Leader Development
11. Conflict Management
12. Work-Life Conflict
13. Meaning & Purpose
14. Grit
15. Psychological Capital
16. Self-Determination Theory
17. Emotional Intelligence
18. Time Management/Alignment

17 Well-Being Activity Worksheets To Try

1. How to Be Happier? Make it a Priority
2. Six Sources of Well-Being
3. Grow Your Gratitude
4. Do Acts of Kindness
5. Psychological Capital
6. Reframe Stress & Adversity
7. Mindfulness To Improve Well-Being & Performance
8. The Emotionally Intelligent Path to Well-Being
9. Well-Being & Confidence
10. Use Your Strengths
11. Capitalizing on Introverted Strengths
12. Overcoming Public Speaking Anxiety
13. Mind Your Marriage
14. Managers, Don't Forget Your Own Well-Being
15. Positive Leadership
16. Physical Activity & Vibrancy
17. Positive Golf Activities

Today’s Well-Being To Do List:

✓ Review the Toolkit
✓ Do one thing to get started
✓ Pass the Toolkit on to others
✓ Send questions to abrafford@aspire.legal

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