MAJOR, LINDSEY & AFRICA Career Compass Integrating into a New Legal Team

Integrating into a new team can be daunting and challenging, especially if you are remote.

Based on our extensive experience, the following steps have proved to be essential when joining a legal team as an interim legal professional.



GAIN CLARITY

of consultants surveyed say that **receiving clarity on the day-to-day specifics** of a project is huge in terms of successfully stepping into an interim role.

A new hire is able to integrate better into teams that have a playbook. It makes the interim professional a better business partner.



COMMUNICATION

of consultants say that **clear and consistent communication** is key to a successful integration.

Clear and consistent communication from team leaders, fellow attorneys and senior personnel are crucial to the success of a new hire.



CLEAR LINES OF REPORTING

of consultants indicate that **clear lines of reporting** are essential to getting a good start to an assignment.

Seek to get a clear explanation of the reporting structure at the outset of each assignment. Understand the clear hierarchy to resolve questions and conflicts as they arise.



CLEARLY DEFINE THE WORK ASSIGNMENT

of consultants say that **clear and consistent project goals and milestones** are a large part of ensuring a successful interim engagement.

Well-defined roles and responsibilities will allow you to produce the best work product and outcome.



ONGOING FEEDBACK

of consultants indicate that getting **feedback throughout a project** plays a large part of providing direction and it helps them change their working style as needed to ensure a good outcome for a project.

Asking for feedback on a periodic basis ensures that expectations are being met on both sides.



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