

5 Ways to Transition Out of the Law to Pursue an Alternative Career

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Do you really want to leave the law?

- Are you more prone to career burnout as a woman of color?
 - Being the one, the only, the first...
 - Pressure to stay the course
 - The industry doesn't encourage thinking outside the box
- Are you in the driver's seat of your career?
 - Have you taken the time to ask what you really want professionally?
 - Are you doing the "career thing" on your own terms?
- Am I enjoying what I am doing? If not, what can I do differently?
 - What am I missing in my current role?
 - What do I hope to gain if I change careers?
 - Is there a transferrable skill or passion from your current role?
 - Is there a cautionary tale in your current role?

Barriers to Making a Change

- Finances
- Lifestyle
- Self-Identity/Status
- Lack of knowledge about the other side (aka as a non-lawyer)
- Lack of Direction/No Plan
- Others' Perceptions
- Change is not easy!

5 Ways to Transition out of the Law— Applying the “Principles of Success”

1. Desirability
 - Unpack your skill set
 - What do you want that’s new or different?
2. Due Diligence
 - Research the industry you want to move to
 - Network and leverage existing relationships
3. Relationships
 - Talk to loved ones
 - Be mindful of your own sense of burden
4. Ego
 - Take time for self-reflection
 - Address the fear of losing your identity as a lawyer
5. Resources
 - Make a career plan
 - Make a financial plan
 - Identify your core supporters
6. Politics (bonus!)
 - Exit gracefully

Questions?

