

LinkedIn: Time Block for Client Acquisition

Social media is just that — social. Time block, be disciplined, set a routine and before long it will become a habit. Online relationships take time to build, but because LinkedIn is a professional network it allows you to be more direct in your interactions. Below are some results-oriented tasks you'll want to perform daily, weekly and as needed.*

Daily Actions

✓	Respond to LinkedIn messages and invitations Best practice: Differentiate yourself – send a thank you message to anyone who connects with you. <i>“Hi Bill, Thanks for adding me to your network. I look forward to chatting sometime soon. Best, Laura 212-555-5517”</i>
	Review LinkedIn Notifications Best Practice: Send a personalized message to congratulate (new job, work anniversary) or wish a Happy Birthday. <i>“Happy Birthday, Sima! Wishing you a wonderful day. Best, Laura 212-555-5517”</i>
	Review ‘Who’s Viewed Your Profile’ for the past 90 days (with Premium LinkedIn: Sales Nav) Best Practice: If they viewed you, they are probably thinking about you. Use this opportunity to reach out or connect with them if they are an ideal prospect.

Weekly Actions

	Stay top of mind: Post preapproved firm content 1-2 times/week. Best practice: Setup an editorial calendar and post during these times: Tues./Wed./Thurs. between 7-9am, 12 noon or after 5pm. Saturday between 10am-12pm (local time)
	Continually build your network. Connect with people you recently met or use the "people you may know" feature. Best practice: Always customize the connection request, write a personal relevant note, mention where you met, what or whom you share in common. <i>“Hi Sameer, It was so nice meeting at the FPA event on Oct 19. I would like to connect with you on LinkedIn. Best, Laura 212-555-5517”</i>
	Develop your own LinkedIn drip system Best practice: Send personalized messages to 1 or 2 people a week that you would like to get to know better. Sales Nav will disclose their activity (work ann., job changes, in the news, shares, etc.) or share pre-approved firm content. <i>“Hi Carson, I loved your recent LinkedIn post on productivity. I had no clue so many productivity tools existed. Would like to grab coffee soon. Best, Laura 212-555-5517”</i>
	Source names for a warm introduction. Best practice: Review your clients connections, which are your 2 nd degree connections. Source the names of 3 to 5 people whom you would like to be introduced to. See the ‘Script’ cheat sheet for how to ask for the introduction. Track the Pipeline Create a spreadsheet for tracking purposes.

As Needed

Fill your intimate events with prospects you've sourced through LinkedIn

Best practice: Review your clients' connections, which are your 2nd degree connections. Source the names of individuals you would like to meet. Or, use the 'Advanced Search' to find qualified prospects that would be interested in your event.

Review LinkedIn profiles before upcoming client, prospect and COI meetings

Best practice: Deepen relationships by finding common connection points, such as groups they are a part of, influencers they follow, connections you may have in common, etc.

Annually

Submit your profile for an annual compliance review.

Review your profile & determine if updates are needed (picture, summary, certifications, etc.).

Your Time Blocking ROI!

As with any expedition, the work will seem greater than the results in the beginning, but if you're consistent, you will begin to see more activity and interaction. Commit to LinkedIn first thing in the morning, every morning. Remember, activity generates results. Five to ten minutes a day, an hour or two a week will garner huge results!

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Always check with compliance before you start your social media initiative. Abide by your firms social media policy as it may go above and beyond those of FINRA. Keep in mind your firms interpretations of policies may change overtime; therefore be sure to have someone on your team check regularly with compliance for any changes in policy.