

## Million Dollar Consulting The Professionals Guide To Growing A Practice Fifth Edition

“the definitive hands-on guide to building a consulting practice that thrives by putting your client first - from one of the acknowledged masters in the field.” Dr Simon Dorris, Managing Partner, Lansdowne Consulting “a really informative description of management consulting. Great for the beginner and experienced consultant alike” Helen Routledge, CEO Totem Learning “A practical guide that, once read, will remain in your desk drawer for regular reference. Richard cuts through the noise and gives you insights that you can actually use.” Ibi Thomson, Founder & CEO, Issoria - Change Management Consulting. The secret of being a successful management consultant is to focus on the genuine needs of the client and provide the best service to achieve and sustain results. The Management Consultant is your essential guide for both newcomers and practicing consultants to develop the skills that will help you understand your client’s needs, identify gaps in knowledge and deliver real value to all parts of your business. Updated to meet the most recent changes in business and technology with the same comprehensive and clear approach, expert practitioner Richard Newton shows you exactly what you need to know, do and deliver to be a great management consultant. Whether you are a consultant, working with consultants or buying a consultancy, this is the only book you will need.

The practical toolbox for readers of Million Dollar Consulting This useful guide provides specific checklists, guidelines, templates, and actual examples for every step of the consulting process. It covers marketing, sales, meetings, implementation, follow-up, invoicing, practice management, insurance, equipment, subcontracting, and scores of other elements. Thousands of people have bought Weiss's Million Dollar Consulting and started their own consultancy. Now, this handy resource goes hand-in-hand to provide all the tools new consultants need to enact all the recommendations and ideas in Million Dollar Consulting. Alan Weiss, PhD (East Greenwich, RI), has consulted for hundreds of organizations around the world, including Mercedes-Benz, Hewlett-Packard, Merck, Chase, American Press Institute, and the Times-Mirror Group. He is the author of 12 books, including Getting Started in Consulting (0-471-47969-1) and Organizational Consulting (0-471-26378-8).

Build a thriving consultancy with the updated edition of this classic bestseller Having inspired generations of consultants and entrepreneurs around the world, the “Rock Star of Consulting” Alan Weiss returns with a revised and completely updated edition of his authoritative guide to consulting success. Weiss provides his time-tested model on creating a flourishing consulting business, while incorporating and focusing on the many dynamic changes in solo and boutique consulting, coaching, and entrepreneurship. In addition to guidance on raising capital, attracting clients, and creating a marketing plan, he also gives brand new step-by-step advice on:

- Harnessing today’s global opportunities
- Developing brands across markets
- Creating and licensing intellectual property
- Avoiding the pitfalls of social media
- Landing unsolicited referrals through counterintuitive methods
- Managing and organizing your time wisely
- Succeeding in the face of continuing turbulence

Find out why this book has been the classic go-to for consultants for nearly twenty-five years,

and learn how to grow your business into a \$1 million-per-year firm today! Everything you need to know about building a successful, world-class consulting practice Whether you are a veteran consultant or new to the industry, an entrepreneur or the principal of a small firm, The Consulting Bible tells you absolutely everything you need to know to create and expand a seven-figure independent or boutique consulting practice. Expert author Alan Weiss, who coaches consultants globally and has written more books on solo consulting than anyone in history, shares his expertise comprehensively. Learn and appreciate the origins and evolution of the consulting profession Launch your practice or firm and propel it to top performance Implement your consulting strategies in public and private organizations, large or small, global or domestic Select from the widest variety of consulting methodologies Achieve lasting success in your professional career and personal goals The author is recognized as "one of the most highly regarded independent consultants in America" by the New York Post and "a worldwide expert in executive education" by Success Magazine Whether you're just starting out or looking for the latest trends in modern practice, The Consulting Bible gives you an unparalleled toolset to build a thriving consultancy. The best and the brightest use advisors and experts. In fact, one could say that they are the best and the brightest because they utilized trusted advisors throughout their careers. Whether in business, sports, entertainment, academia, or politics, expert help is a fundamental enabler of success. That means that the demand for expert advice will grow and the competition will increase for such help. This isn't a matter of "certificates" and "universities," it's a matter of specific skill and behavioral sets that create a trusting bond and reliance. Trusted advisors are beyond coaches—they are comprehensive resources and supporters. The Modern Trusted Advisor employs important mastery traits, such as subordinating ego, applying shared experiences, and managing emotional, mental, and intellectual health. We are entering a world of "no normal" today and leaders must inspire others daily. This is the book that prepares you to inspire those leaders.

There's an epidemic of leadership failure—whether something as small as a meeting, or as large as implementing enterprise wide change. Leaders know that sinking feeling when a gap emerges between themselves and the groups they most need to engage with. Leaders and business schools are looking in the wrong places for the cause. What holds most leaders back, as if their foot is always on the brake, is their failure to engage, and gain alignment. This book shows the reasons why. Leaders rarely recognize that: Shaping group behavior is describable as a process, which they can learn. Instead, they unconsciously fall into relationship patterns influenced by early family experiences. Informal relationship patterns have a dramatic effect on results, which is why birds in flight manage to alter course without bumping into each other. Leadership and collaboration are primarily a matter of principles and process, and not personality and content alone. If leaders master the process, they achieve consistent results. This book reveals the leadership levers to release the power of relationships for exceptional participation, alignment and results in organizations. It enables leaders to mine the brilliance that often lies dormant and untapped within their organizations. Readers will have the principles and tools to go beyond the agenda, truly engage with those around them, and release untapped capacities within their organizations. These qualities and skills will inspire associates and employees.

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How can you take your skills and expertise and package and present it to become a successful consultant? There are proven time-tested principles, strategies, tactics and best-practices the most successful consultants use to start, run and grow their consulting business. Consulting Success teaches you what they are. In this book you'll learn: - How to position yourself as a leading expert and authority in your marketplace - Effective marketing and branding materials that get the attention of your ideal clients - Strategies to increase your fees and earn more with every project - The proposal template that has generated millions of dollars in consulting engagements - How to develop a pipeline of business and attract ideal clients - Productivity secrets for consultants including how to get more done in one week than most people do in a month - And much, much more

"[Weiss is] one of the most highly respected independent consultants in the country." —New York Post If you're an aspiring entrepreneur, you've come to the right place. In Million Dollar Launch, bestselling author and superstar consultant Alan Weiss shows you how to get your business up and running—fast! Step by step, Weiss reveals how to create a revenue-producing practice quickly and successfully—while funds last and while support systems remain passionate. This is an indispensable guide to those critical first 90 days. Alan Weiss is the bestselling author of Million Dollar Consulting. He belongs to the Professional Speaker Hall of Fame and is the recipient of the National Speakers Association Council of Peers Award for Excellence, representing the top 1 percent of professional speakers in the world.

Build a thriving 21st-century consultancy with an all-new edition of the classic bestseller In a world of rapidly evolving technologies and business paradigms, your consulting business needs to radically adapt its techniques and models. Taking full measure of these changes, Alan Weiss, the "Rock Star of Consulting," will guide you through the process with a revised and completely updated sixth edition of his authoritative guide to consulting success. Weiss updates his time-tested model for creating a flourishing consulting business, while showing you the many dynamic changes in solo and boutique consulting, coaching, and entrepreneurship. In addition, he offers you invaluable guidance on raising capital, attracting clients, and creating an airtight marketing strategy. This new edition is packed with step-by-step advice on how to: Use volatility and disruption as offensive weapons Maximize fees by adopting a "value mindset" Build a successful model for marketing remotely Master cutting-edge technology to reach the broadest audience Form powerful alliances to increase reach and impact Think branding—and think global Generate six-figure projects, six-figure retainers, and seven-figure incomes Million Dollar Consulting has been the go-to classic for consultants for nearly 25 years. With cutting-edge new content, Alan Weiss will show you how to grow your business into a seven-figure firm today.

Building upon the success of his Million Dollar series, which includes bestseller Million Dollar Consulting, Alan Weiss, teamed with globally renowned internet expert Chad Barr, shows you how to cash in on the unmatched reach of the web. Empowered to tactically leverage technology, from your website to mobile marketing, uncover the secrets to dramatically elevating your brand—and ultimately, driving more revenue and growing your business. Alan Weiss, Ph.D., (East Greenwich, RI) is a consultant, speaker, and author of 45 books, including his bestseller, Million Dollar Consulting. He is the founder of consulting firm, Summit Consulting Group, Inc. co-creator of Million

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Provide organized, efficient, relevant consulting with lasting value Maximizing the Value of Consulting is an indispensable, practical guide for managing, measuring, and delivering the results that make internal and external consulting a lasting value to clients and the company. Sponsored by the ROI Institute and the Association of Internal Management Consultants, this book provides a roadmap to relevance for consultants operating in the increasingly fast-paced, changing, dynamic environment. Readers will learn how to use resources properly and manage the investment efficiently, while truly connecting to the business, securing appropriate levels of commitment, and providing adequate levels of support. Detailed coverage includes guidance toward calculating the value of consulting in terms that executives understand, including business impact and ROI, and using the appropriate tools to show how things are working throughout the process. Whether organizations are using internal or external consultants, or both, consultants can provide better value to the company. Consultants are needed to provide advice, support, and insight into the processes undertaken to improve the business, and integrate the input of different functional units into a more streamlined strategy. This book is designed to help consultants provide the utmost value to clients by maximizing organization, efficiency, and ultimately, ROI. Manage for value with better organization and cost control Set objectives at multiple levels to deliver useful results Measure implementation, impact, ROI, and intangibles Use final results to drive appropriate actions, creating lasting value The skyrocketing need for internal and external consultants will continue, in almost every functional area ranging from HR and technology, to auditing and risk management. Maximizing the Value of Consulting provides a manual for relevant, value-driven consulting, with world-renowned expert insight.

What does it take to become a well-known expert in your field - someone other practitioners and the media seek out for leadership and insight? We call these stars Visible Experts . And becoming one is easier than it looks. In this research-based book, you will learn how you or your colleagues can become Visible Experts and leverage this

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status to drive significant new growth and profits for your firm. You will discover which tools and techniques you need to build your reputation and ascend to prominence. And you will hear from real experts from across the professional services who have climbed from obscurity to the peak of their profession. The Visible Expert is the essential manual for any individual or firm that is ready to take their expertise to the highest level. Based on interviews with over 1,000 experts and buyers of their services, this book will take you higher, faster."

A new revision of the successful guidebook for novice consultants *Getting Started in Consulting, Second Edition* provides practical solutions and proven strategies for launching a consulting business. Readers will learn how low overhead and a high degree of organization can translate into a six-figure income working from a home office. The book also offers key information on how to finance a consulting practice, how to write proposals, how to set up billing and bookkeeping, and more. A new chapter also explains how to get started quickly for those who can't wait to generate cash flow or those who have a cash reserve they are immediately willing to commit. Alan Weiss (East Greenwich, RI) has consulted with hundreds of organizations around the world, including Mercedes-Benz, Hewlett-Packard, Merck, and the Times Mirror Group. He lectures widely and is the author of 12 books.

The Long-Awaited Update for Building a Thriving Consultancy Completely updated for today's busier-than-ever consultants, this classic guide covers the ins and outs for competing and winning in this ultracompetitive field. You'll find step-by-step advice on how to raise capital, attract clients, create a marketing plan, and grow your business into a \$1 million-per-year firm, plus brand-new material on: Blogging and social networking Global consulting Delegating labor Profiting in a troubled market Retainer business Internet marketing Praise for the previous editions of *Million Dollar Consulting*: "If you're interested in becoming a rich consultant, this book is a must read." Robert F. Mager, founder and president, Mager Associates, and member of the Training & Development Hall of Fame "Blast out of the per diem trap and into value billing." Jim Kennedy, founder, publisher, and editor, *Consultants News* "The advice on developing price structure alone is worth a hundred times the price of the book." William C. Byham, Ph.D., author of *Zapp!* "Must reading for those who are beginning a practice or seeking to upgrade an existing practice." Victor H. Vroom, John G. Searle Professor, School of Management, Yale University

Though it's a potentially lucrative enterprise, the reality of independent consulting seldom matches the dream. Most solo consultants and boutique consulting firms are perpetually within six months of bankruptcy due to the sputtering unreliability of their new business engines. The problem, according to international consulting expert David A. Fields, is twofold: 1) lack of a consistent, proven plan, and 2) fundamental misunderstanding about what clients want in a consultant. Fields, who has helped hundreds of consultants and boutique firms worldwide build lucrative, sustainable practices, replaces the typical consultant's mindset of emphasizing expertise and differentiated processes with a focus on building relationships, engendering trust, and solving clients' existing problems. In *The Irresistible Consultant's Guide to Winning Clients: Six Steps to Unlimited Clients and Financial Freedom*, Fields synthesizes his decades of experience into a step-by-step approach to winning more projects from more clients at higher fees. From nuts-and-bolts business advice and tactics to a

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deeply insightful breakdown of the human side of a very human profession, Fields delivers a comprehensive guidebook that is at once highly approachable and satisfyingly detailed.

Beside talent and a sterling portfolio, what can world-class consultants like Deloitte & Touche, Societe General and Towers Perrin boast has helped them achieve success in our entrepreneurial economy? They all have the inside track on the indispensable "Trusted Advisor" model for client relationships, created by renowned experts Charles Green and Robert Galford. Now Green and Galford have teamed up with the acclaimed David Maister in order to help their latest high-profile, fast-forward client: you. In this straightforward guide, Maister, Green and Galford show readers that the key to professional success goes well beyond technical mastery or expertise. Today, it's all about the vital ability to earn the client's trust and thereby win the ability to influence them. In these high risk times, trust is more valuable than gold. With this critical, highly detailed and accessible resource, readers will learn the five crucial steps for developing, managing and improving client confidence. For both emerging and established entrepreneurs and consultants, THE TRUSTED ADVISOR is the first truly indispensable business book of the decade.

Offers advice on turning a consulting business into one which generates \$1,000,000 or more annually through landing powerful clients, integrating new technology, and improving a firm's image.

Make your move into, or improve your position in, the powerful world of professional speaking If you think you have what it takes to speak professionally, or you've already been doing so with insufficient reward, now is the time to make your move. Bestselling business author and Professional Speaking Hall of Fame member Alan Weiss offers the inside advice you need to turn your talent into a high-paying career—from honing your delivery skills to building a business. In Million Dollar Speaking, you'll learn the critical skills of Dealing with difficult crowds Creating powerful speeches Targeting high-potential markets Creating a "star" reputation Setting fees that reflect your outstanding value Perfecting platform skills—making them the best in the business Expanding your business through diversification Weiss has packed the guide with tips, resources, helpful examples, and checklists that make it easy for you to keep a record of your progress. Whether you're a trainer, workshop leader, or consultant, Million Dollar Speaking has what you need to get on the paid public-speaking circuit in no time. When it comes to how to succeed as an entrepreneur, we are besotted with advice. According to bestselling author Alan Weiss, success is a combination of opportunism, very disciplined work, luck, timing, and ignoring most advice. In other words, it means striking out on your own, original path to success. In Million Dollar Maverick, he explains that entrepreneurs don't take advice, they create value and then monetize it. They do what they love and are great at and find a way to sell it to people. They do not--contrary to "conventional wisdom"--chase money. They attract money. And most of all they think differently, act

decisively--and, if talent and timing are with them, succeed quickly. Drawing on over thirty years of experience as a consultant, speaker, and global expert, Weiss shares his story and "Million Dollar Tips," not found in any of his other books, to help entrepreneurs gain influence, build confidence, and develop the critical thinking skills they need to discover the inside track to rapid success

As an experienced consultant, you'll find this unique book an invaluable aid in establishing the leverage needed to bring highly-qualified prospects and new business to your doorstep. Written by Alan Weiss--an internationally recognized expert in consulting and marketing--this essential resource, the second book in The Ultimate Consultant Series, will help you develop the skills you need to achieve valuable brand recognition quickly and effectively. How to Establish a Unique Brand in the Consulting Profession will help you create a brand that will make you "Number One" in your particular areas of excellence, no matter how broad or narrow. And, perhaps worth the price alone, the book offers a glimpse into the important trends that are shaping the future of branding. "Alan Weiss should be branded as The Consultant's Consultant! His new book, How to Establish a Unique Brand in the Consulting Profession, is another proof of the value of his insights into the marketing and strategy of the consulting profession. He's right on the mark in terms of what consultants typically don't do and certainly need to do to succeed." --William C. Byham, chairman and CEO, Development Dimensions International, Inc. (DDI)

Business books fall into two categories: theory and impractical protocols. Both provide either ideas without applications or applications without proven theoretical frames. They are like concept cars that no one expects to drive to work. The Leader Architect provides the bridge to proven solutions based on sound theory. These solutions are being used successfully by expert leaders at some of the best companies in the world, without the elaborate external systems and training teams required by many popular approaches. The Leader Architect is a practical guide for leaders who want to build and grow a consistently powerful organization that delivers long-term success. You will take away fresh insights on topics such as the following: Myths we love that ruin our businesses Power of pairs (why 1+1 is greater than 5+5) Architecture of successful business organizations Leverage of relationships Resilience: A step beyond agility In the daily flood of "shoulds" and "wants" that fill the lives of most executives, The Leader Architect is a fresh and simple guide to tactics and tools that have worked for others—and will work for you.

A popular aphorism suggests that in the end, no one ever regretted not spending more time in the office. Yet during our lives and careers we often seem to confuse our priorities, shifting our focus so that we end up with clients whom we know extremely well and families who are de facto strangers. In this book, widely renowned consultant Alan Weiss—cited as "a worldwide expert in executive education" in Success Magazine—tells how to blend life, work, and relationships in a way that will help anyone to work smarter and live better. Weiss draws on

scores of interviews and vignettes with highly successful consultants to offer nontheoretical, pragmatic advice on living a balanced life, including how to: Work smart and not hard Have time to fulfill your passions Build on success, not on correcting weakness Give yourself short- and long-term personal rewards Take risks and reinvent yourself (again and again) Play to win—but ignore the score and reward the effort Influence others while surrendering the need to control Visualize the future

Ageism is too often an accepted form of bias, even though the facts support the value of aging. Airline pilots forced to retire at the arbitrary age of 65 are usually at the top of their game. Forced retirement in most organizations remove highly skilled performers as well as role models and trainers for newer generations. Instead of reveling in who we are, we begin to try to look younger as soon as possible, with 16-year-old women receiving nose and breast surgery as birthday presents. People have become inured to "losing" abilities as they age instead of appreciating new abilities that only age can bestow. Everyone extols the need for gender equality, lest we lose the talents of half of our population. Yet, people over 65 are currently 15 percent of the US population (46.2 million) and is projected to rise to 34 percent. Due to the IRA legislation of the Reagan era — and the lack of need to purchase homes, college educations, cars, or health care—the discretionary assets are also substantial. It's time these people took control of their lives and influence on everything from business to politics.

An innovative approach to winning more profitable sales in the growing professional services industry In recent years, professional services providers have had to rethink their sales methods and adapt to profound changes in the way clients buy services. In response, *Winning the Professional Services Sale* argues for fundamental changes in the seller's mindset and sales strategies. Rather than pressing the sale, salespeople must help clients buy—the way that works best for each client. This new approach gives buyers what they now want in a services seller: a consultative problem solver, change agent, and solution integrator, all rolled into one. Author Michael McLaughlin presents a strategy for winning new business with a holistic approach to each client relationship. Only by fully understanding a sale from every angle, including its impact on the client's business and career, can salespeople thrive in the new era of the service economy.

By harnessing new, easy-to-use technologies that help them find customers around the world, everyday people are starting meaningful businesses that offer a high-paying alternative to a corporate career. In this updated edition, will learn tactics from real people who are earning \$1 million a year on their own terms. This business classic features straight-talking advice you'll never hear in school. Featuring a new foreword by Ariel Emanuel and Patrick Whitesell Mark H. McCormack, one of the most successful entrepreneurs in American business, is widely credited as the founder of the modern-day sports marketing industry. On a handshake with Arnold Palmer and less than a thousand dollars, he started

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International Management Group and, over a four-decade period, built the company into a multimillion-dollar enterprise with offices in more than forty countries. To this day, McCormack's business classic remains a must-read for executives and managers at every level. Relating his proven method of "applied people sense" in key chapters on sales, negotiation, reading others and yourself, and executive time management, McCormack presents powerful real-world guidance on • the secret life of a deal • management philosophies that don't work (and one that does) • the key to running a meeting—and how to attend one • the positive use of negative reinforcement • proven ways to observe aggressively and take the edge • and much more

Praise for *What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School* "Incisive, intelligent, and witty, *What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School* is a sure winner—like the author himself. Reading it has taught me a lot."—Rupert Murdoch, executive chairman, News Corp, chairman and CEO, 21st Century Fox "Clear, concise, and informative . . . Like a good mentor, this book will be a valuable aid throughout your business career."—Herbert J. Siegel, chairman, Chris-Craft Industries, Inc. "Mark McCormack describes the approach I have personally seen him adopt, which has not only contributed to the growth of his business, but mine as well."—Arnold Palmer "There have been what we love to call dynasties in every sport. IMG has been different. What this one brilliant man, Mark McCormack, created is the only dynasty ever over all sport."—Frank Deford, senior contributing writer, *Sports Illustrated*

Bestselling author of *Million Dollar Consulting* shares the secrets of writing winning proposals. Intended for consultants, speakers, and other professionals and services providers, *Million Dollar Consulting® Proposals* ends forever the time-consuming and often frustrating process of writing a consulting proposal. It begins with the basics—defining these proposals and why they are necessary—and coaches you through the entire proposal process. In this book, you'll learn how to establish outcome-based business objectives and maximize your success and commensurate fees. From bestselling author Alan Weiss, *Million Dollar Consulting Proposals* delivers step-by-step guidance on the essential element in creating a million dollar consultancy. Outlines the nine key components to a Million Dollar Consulting proposal structure. Presents a dozen Golden Rules for presenting proposals. Offers online samples, forms, and templates to maximize the effectiveness of these tools. The *New York Post* calls bestselling author Alan Weiss "one of the most highly regarded independent consultants in America." Alan Weiss's expert guidance can lead your consulting business to unprecedented success, and it all starts with a million dollar proposal. Do you want more free book summaries like this? Download our app for free at <https://www.QuickRead.com/App> and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. Top tips from the world's definitive business coach. Wouldn't it be great to have an expert business coach in your pocket? Somebody whose advice is so great, people will pay millions of dollars to receive

it? Well, thanks to the updated fourth edition of 1992 guidebook *Million Dollar Consulting*, that advice is now yours! Updated to reflect the business concerns of the modern world, *Million Dollar Coaching* is your guide to success. Packed with actionable top tips for attracting clients and cultivating best practices, Weiss' consulting guide will show you how to become a million-dollar consultant yourself.

In this thoroughly revised edition of his classic book, Alan Weiss shows how consulting fees are dependent on only two things: value provided in the perception of the buyer and the intent of the buyer and the consultant to act ethically. Many consultants, however, fail to understand that perceived value is the basis of the fee, or that they must translate the importance of their advice into long-term gains for the client in the client's perception. Still others fail to have the courage and the belief system that support the high value delivered to clients, thereby reducing fees to a level commensurate with the consultant's own low self-esteem. Ultimately, says Weiss, consultants, not clients, are the main cause of low consulting fees.

Hidden among the chaos and hype, there are secrets to success on the web. Globally renowned internet expert Chad Barr and business strategist and bestselling author Alan Weiss, reveal them - and show you how to use them to amplify your web presence and profits. Using the unmatched reach of the web, entrepreneurs are empowered to take a more tactical, brand-driven approach to attracting new clients and reinforcing the relationships with their current clientele—quickly raising the bar to produce better results for their brand and their business. Starting with their website, Weiss and Barr reveal five critical areas that can be immediately enhanced to emphasize credibility and instantly build trust among visitors. Entrepreneurs also discover how to outfit their site with new tools, products and offerings that pull visitors in, keep them captivated, and compel them to keep coming back. Weiss and Barr then coach thought leaders in capitalizing on today's social web, delivering a strategic plan to uncovering opportunity in online communities, social networks, and other popular platforms—allowing them to showcase their greatest business draw: their expertise. Entrepreneurs also learn which components are critical to their success as a thought leader, gaining valuable insight into trending technologies like mobile devices to help them in determining which avenues are of the greatest gain. Offering support such as assessments, real-life examples, screen shots, and access to free downloads, tutorials, and more, Weiss and Barr deliver a comprehensive plan to help entrepreneurs enhance their online efforts and strategically elevate their brand, and ultimately, their business.

Build a million-dollar business in one of today's hottest professions! Bestselling business author Alan Weiss provides the inside advice you need to build or expand your coaching business--from developing a common language and shared protocol to providing effective and supportive feedback at every level. *Million Dollar Coaching* is packed with tips, checklists, resources, and scores of

helpful examples, making this the most valuable one-stop tool available for entering the world of professional coaching. Million Dollar Coaching helps you: Develop trust and assess performance and progress Provide useful, candid feedback Use the media to raise your profile Build long-term client relationships Create value-based and retainer fees Develop and promote a strong record of success Replete with all the information and advice you need, Million Dollar Coaching is the first step to making a million in the competitive field of coaching. The Unbeatable, Updated, Comprehensive Guidebook For First-Time Consultants Getting Started In Consulting More people than ever are making the jump from corporate offices to home offices, taking control of their futures, being their own bosses, and starting their own consultancies. Consulting is a bigger business than ever and growing every day. For almost a decade, Alan Weiss's Getting Started in Consulting has been an indispensable resource for anyone who wants to strike out on his own and start a new consulting business. It provides a rich source of expert advice and practical guidance, and it shows you how you can combine low overhead and a high degree of organization to add up to a six- or even seven-figure income. You'll learn everything you need to know about financing your business, marketing your services, writing winning proposals, meeting legal requirements, setting fees, keeping the books, and much more. This new Third Edition of Getting Started in Consulting is more comprehensive, up to date, and practical than ever. In addition to the nuts-and-bolts basics, you'll also get a wealth of new information and resources: How to leverage new technologies to lower your business costs and increase your profits A budget sampler that shows you how best to maximize an initial start-up investment of \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$20,000 Free downloadable tools and forms to help you design and start your business quickly and easily New interviews with consultants who achieved rapid success, including their personal stories and most effective techniques Brand-new references, examples, and appendices If your dream in life is to get out of the office and out on your own, consulting is a great way to make it happen. Make sure you do it right—and do it profitably—with Getting Started in Consulting, Third Edition.

Widely recognized as a key reference work on the practice of consulting, this guide offers an extensive introduction to professional consulting, its nature, methods, organizational principles, behavioral rules, and training and development practices. Today's information- and knowledge-based economy is constantly creating new opportunities and challenges for consultants. This new edition of Management Consulting actively reflects and confronts these developments and changes. New topics covered in this edition include: e-business consulting consulting in knowledge management total quality management corporate governance social role and responsibility of business company transformation and renewal public administration This book serves as a useful and inspiring tool for individuals and organizations wishing to improve their consulting activities. Praise for the previous edition: "A wealth of information

about the nature and purpose of management consulting, consulting in various areas and the management of a consulting firm. It should help practitioners, entrants to the profession and business people wishing to use consultants more effectively."--Financial Times

The Practice of Professional Coaching Change is the life-blood of consulting just as organizations endure only through successful change. The reality of this mutual need lies at the heart of what consulting is all about. Consultants solve problems created by the powerful forces of change in an organization's environment and in so doing, create change themselves. The Practice of Professional Consulting is a comprehensive examination of what has been called "the world's newest profession." In this practical resource Edward Verlander offers an overview of the industry and includes the most useful processes, tools, and skills used by successful consultants to produce solutions for their clients. The book also reveals why consulting is a growing and attractive career option. The best practices used by leading consulting firms are included in the book as well as the capabilities skillful consultant use in each stage of engagement. Verlander also recommends ways to ensure a consultant can solve a client's problems in a systematic, professional way. At the very heart of the book is the emphasis he puts on what is needed to become a truly trusted consultant. Filled with a wealth of must-have information from a wide range of consulting professionals, the book includes: a model of the consulting cycle; a diagnostic instrument for assessing consulting roles; ideas of how to develop political intelligence to navigate client organizations; tools for managing consulting meetings, risk assessment, and skills transfer; techniques in communications, emotional intelligence, presentations, and listening; and much more. Written for anyone wishing to start a consulting business, new employees at established consulting firms, facilitators of consulting training programs, and faculty at business schools, this important resource provides an easy way to understand the stages, roles, and tasks of consulting found in any type of consulting and it provides simple and easy-to-use techniques and templates for implementation. The acclaimed Million Dollar Consulting gives consultants the tools and advice they need to grow a firm that rakes in at least \$1 million per year. Alan Weiss, "the consultant's consultant," shows step-by-step how to raise capital, reel in new clients, set fees, accelerate growth, and more. This updated and expanded edition will appeal to both Weiss's many current fans and a whole new generation of readers looking for the best advice available for anyone who wants to build a million-dollar consulting/speaking career.

The real-world guide to selling your services and bringing in business How Clients Buy is the much-needed guide to selling your services. If you're one of the millions of people whose skills are the 'product,' you know that you cannot be successful unless you bring in clients. The problem is, you're trained to do your job—not sell it. No matter how great you may be at your actual role, you likely feel a bit lost, hesitant, or 'behind' when it comes to courting clients, an unfamiliar

territory where you're never quite sure of the line between under- and over-selling. This book comes to the rescue with real, practical advice for selling what you do. You'll have to unlearn everything you know about sales, but then you'll learn new skills that will help you make connections, develop rapport, create interest, earn trust, and turn prospects into clients. Business development is critical to your personal success, and your skills in this area will dictate the course of your career. This invaluable guide gives you a set of real-world best practices that can help you become the rainmaker you want to be. Get the word out and make productive connections Drop the fear of self-promotion and advertise your accomplishments Earn potential clients' trust to build a lasting relationship Scrap the sales pitch in favor of honesty, positivity, and value Working in the consulting and professional services fields comes with difficulties not encountered by those who sell tangible products. Services are often undervalued, and become among the first things to go when budgets get tight. It is now harder than ever to sell professional services, so your game must be on-point if you hope to out-compete the field. How Clients Buy shows you how to level up and start winning the client list of your dreams.

For over 30 years Alan Weiss has consulted, coached, and advised everyone from Fortune 500 executives, state governors, non-profit directors, and entrepreneurs to athletes, entertainers, and beauty pageant contestants. That's quite an assortment of people, and they run into the thousands. Most of them have had what we euphemistically call "means," and some of them have had a lot more than that. Others have been aspiring and with more ends in sight than means on hand. Alan Weiss states: I've dealt with esteem (low), narcissism (high), family problems, leadership dysfunctions, insecurities, addictions, and ethical quandaries. And I've talked with them through the coronavirus crisis. But don't get the wrong idea. About 95% of these people have been well-meaning, honest (to the best of their knowledge), and interested in becoming a better person and better professional. Otherwise, they wouldn't be talking to me. I found the equivalent of the "runner's wall" in their journeys, where they must break through the pain and the obstacles and then can keep going with renewed energy and spirit. But runners know how far they must go after the breakthrough, be it another half lap or another five miles. There is a finish line. I've found that people in all positions, even after the "breakthrough," don't know where they are in the race, let alone where the finish line is. They do not know what meaning is for them. They may have money in the bank, good relationships, the admiration of others, and the love of their dogs. But they have no metrics for "What now?" They believe that at the end of life there is a tallying, some metaphysical accountant who totals up their contributions, deducts their bad acts, and creates the (hopefully positive) difference. That difference, they believe, is their "legacy." But the thought that legacy arrives at the end of life is as ridiculous as someone who decides to sell a business and tries to increase its valuation the day prior. Legacy is now. Legacy is daily. Every day we create the next page in our lives,

but the question becomes who is writing it and what's being written. Is someone else creating our legacy? Or are we, ourselves, simply writing the same page repeatedly? Or do we leave it blank? Our organic, living legacy is marred and squeezed by huge normative pressures. There is a "threshold" point, at which one's beliefs and values are overridden by immense peer pressure. Our metrics are forced to change. In an age of social media, biased press, and bullying, we've come to a point where our legacy, ironically, is almost out of our hands. Yet our "meaning" — our creation of meaning and not a search for some illusive alchemy — creates worth and impact for us and all those with whom we interact. The new edition of bestselling real-world guide to consultancy success, from the "Rock Star of Consulting" Alan Weiss The second edition of *The Consulting Bible: Everything You Need to Know to Create and Expand a Seven-Figure Consulting Practice* remains the most comprehensive and practical guide to the consulting profession, from launch to high growth, from marketing to implementation. Legendary consultant, speaker, and bestselling author Alan Weiss shows you how to create an independent or boutique consulting practice and take it to seven-figure success. Step-by-step, this invaluable resource guides you through attracting clients, maximizing your value, and achieving your career goals. In the decade since the first publication of *The Consulting Bible*, an array of significant developments has dramatically impacted the consulting profession: shifts in social consciousness, the Covid-19 pandemic, tele-consulting and virtual meetings, the globalization of the economy, the growth of social media, and many more. This exhaustively revised new edition provides specific approaches and techniques for mastering the new consulting environment and turning volatility and disruption into unlimited opportunities. Designed to help you become the authority and expert that organizations turn to again and again, this book is your one-stop resource for: Building a strong global brand that draws people to you Marketing remotely to reduce costs and allow for higher fees Mastering the latest implementation techniques Forging strong relationships with the buyers of a new generation Selecting the consulting methodology that best fits your requirements Writing proposals and creating testimonials and references Using advanced technology to sell and deliver your services Written for newcomers and veterans alike, *The Consulting Bible: Everything You Need to Know to Create and Expand a Seven-Figure Consulting Practice, Second Edition*, is essential reading for every solo consultant, entrepreneur, and principal of a small consulting firm.

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