

Legal Career Consultant Says Up to 25% of Her Clients Want to Leave the Law

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Legal career consultant **Kate Neville** says she realized pretty quickly that law firm life wasn't for her.

Fresh out of law school, Neville practiced at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Corporate Counsel reports. She left to work in-house for the chancellor of the New York City public schools. Three years ago she left to start Neville Career Consultants in Washington, D.C.

Now Neville says 20 percent to 25 percent of her clients affirmatively want to leave law practice, and many are willing to consider leaving.

For those who enjoy the law, in-house work may be an option. She told Corporate Counsel that recruiters are telling her of more in-house openings because companies want their own lawyers to do more of the work once sent to outside lawyers.