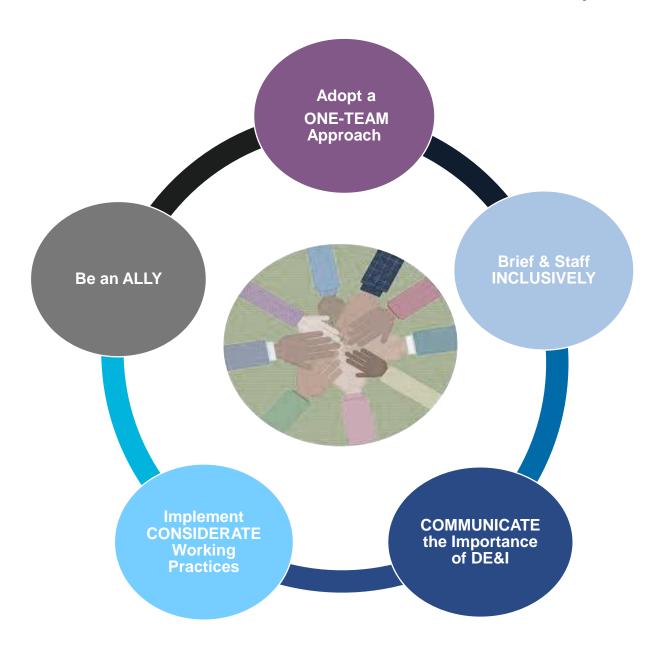
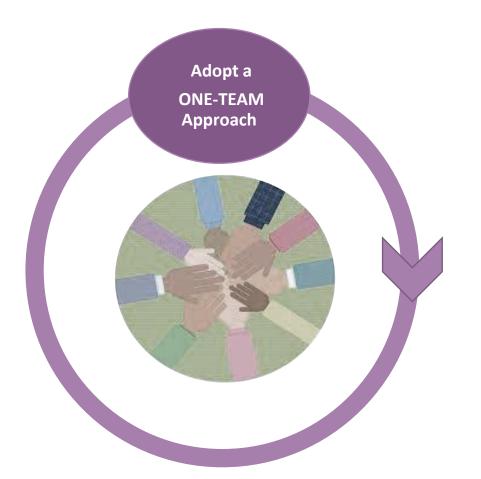
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**5-Step Relationship Charter** 

# 5-STEP RELATIONSHIP CHARTER TO FOSTER DE&I AT THE CLIENT/LAW FIRM INTERFACE



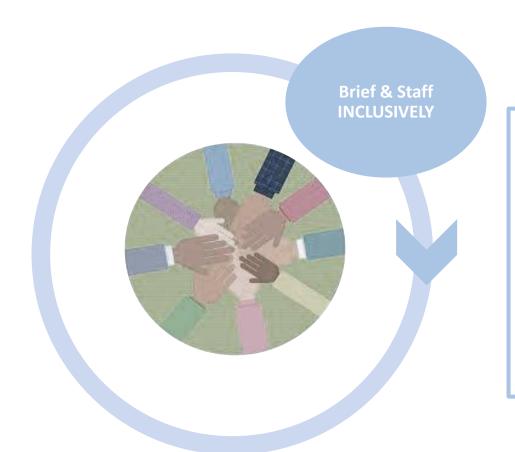




## STEP 1: ADOPT A ONE-TEAM APPROACH

- Treat clients/ external lawyers and your internal team with same level of openness and respect
- Encourage close collaboration to embed a shared culture

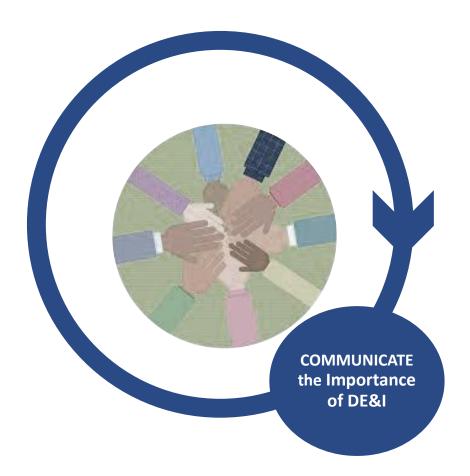




### **STEP 2: BRIEF & STAFF INCLUSIVELY**

- Avoid tokenism; Avoid defaulting to the "known" and refresh the team to include new members to bring fresh ideas and a diverse perspective
- Be intentional about who you instruct: "who gets the call"
- Facilitate opportunities for lawyers from underrepresented groups and consider actively sponsoring these lawyers

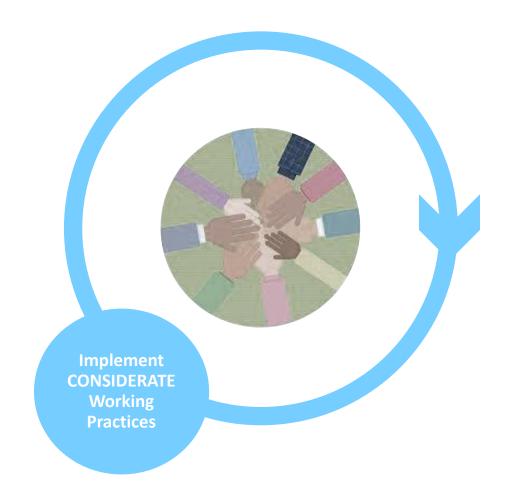




### STEP 3: COMMUNICATE THE IMPORTANCE OF DE&I

- Communicate why DE&I is important to you
- Expressly commit to DE&I at all levels in order to create,
  build and embed a diverse and inclusive workplace culture
- Nominate DE&I champions and agree on options for resolving issues
- Schedule periodic discussions on DE&I, track progress, applaud success, jointly address failures, create a safe space for 2-way feedback
- Use the GCD&I DE&I Toolkit, including "Nudge Cards" and Metrics to further DE&I in your interactions

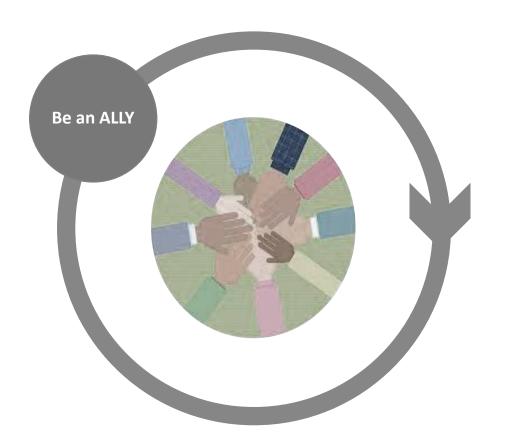






## **STEP 4: IMPLEMENT CONSIDERATE WORKING PRACTICES**

- Positively acknowledge lawyers' time by providing clear and reasonable deadlines – ideally, negotiated rather than imposed (clarify what isn't urgent); Enable law firms to flag when timeline is unrealistic; Send mindful emails so timeline for response is clear
- Express appreciation when lawyers are required to work long hours/ meet tight timetables; consider "time outs" on a matter (e.g. to respect holidays or "burn-out")
- Support flexible/agile/smart ways of working check lawyer availability, taking into account timezones/ local holidays/ annual leave while scheduling meetings; Consider "hybrid" meetings; Encourage responsible delegation
- Recognise and acknowledge the contributions of full- and part-time/senior and junior lawyers equally
- Fairly allocate admin. tasks, (e.g., meeting scheduling, refreshments, minute-taking)
- Be considerate and consultative about the nature and location of social activities



### **STEP 5: BE AN ALLY**

- Get to know all members of the team
- Highlight non-inclusive behaviour and positively reinforce visibly inclusive behaviour
- Give origination credit when due
- Ensure people are not "spoken over"; Encourage and support participation from the entire team
- Be "present" regardless of who is talking in a meeting



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