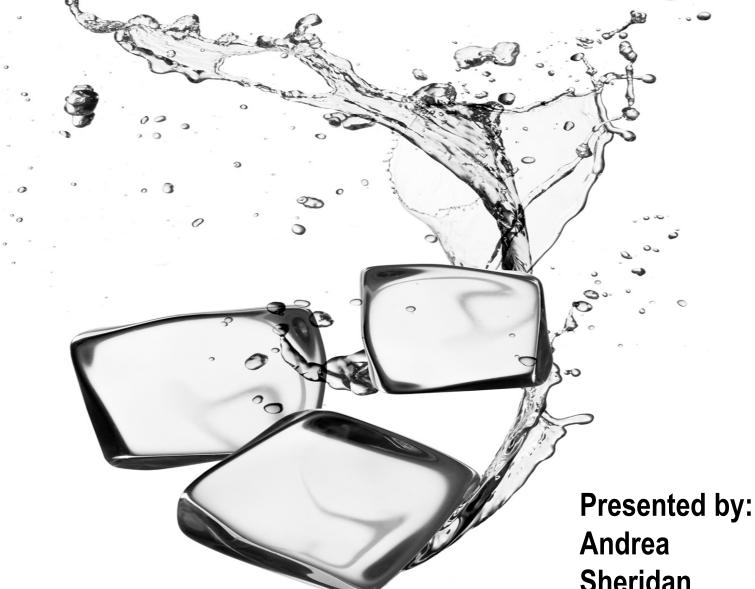
#### Making a Splash with the ICE Strategy Incredible Customer Experience



What Will You Learn Today That Will Be Worth Your Investment of Time?





## **Getting Grounded**

• Customer and clients spend time and money on things that matter





## **Getting Grounded**

 Who are YOU in a real estate transaction? -How do you Best serve the client/customer? -What is your purpose? -Does your system help you provide excellent service, each and every time?





## What Prevents Excellence

- Quick-fix mentality
- Immobilized by fear
- Become engulfed in mediocrity
- Don't commit to a course of action



Innovation is often the result of random conversaions-collisionswhere ideas outside your industry are applied to your own: we want to accelerate those collisions among people.

**Tony Hsieh-Zappos** 



### The Truth Hurts...

- The true experts on your products and services are your customers/client
- Recognize when changes in the environment are significant



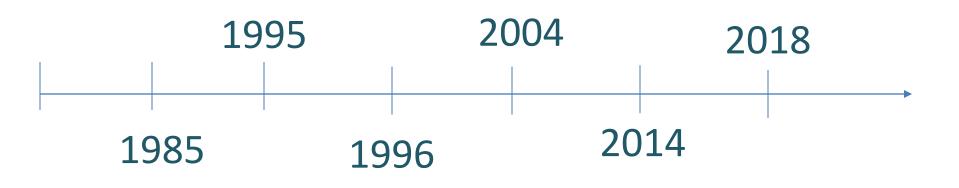




 Identify the service expectations you believe your customers/clients want and deserve as it relates to the experience they get from you

## • Is it different for the face to face experience vs. online?

## How has online engagement changed? The history of marketing homes



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Six Marketplace Realities That Didn't Exist 25 Years Ago

- Time crunch
- Value expectations
- Market structure
- Generational differences
- Competition
- Technology



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#### Erosion of Trust Due To...

- Being inconsistent
- Lying/lacking transparency
- Not holding others accountable for delivery





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## **Erosion of Trust Due To...**

- Passing blame
- Talking behind client's backs
- Not "walking the talk"





## **Erosion of Trust Due To...**

• Not listening to the customer/client as they describe their wants and needs





 What are the main reasons why a customer may not trust you or your company?



What are the main steps you can do to build trust within your community?



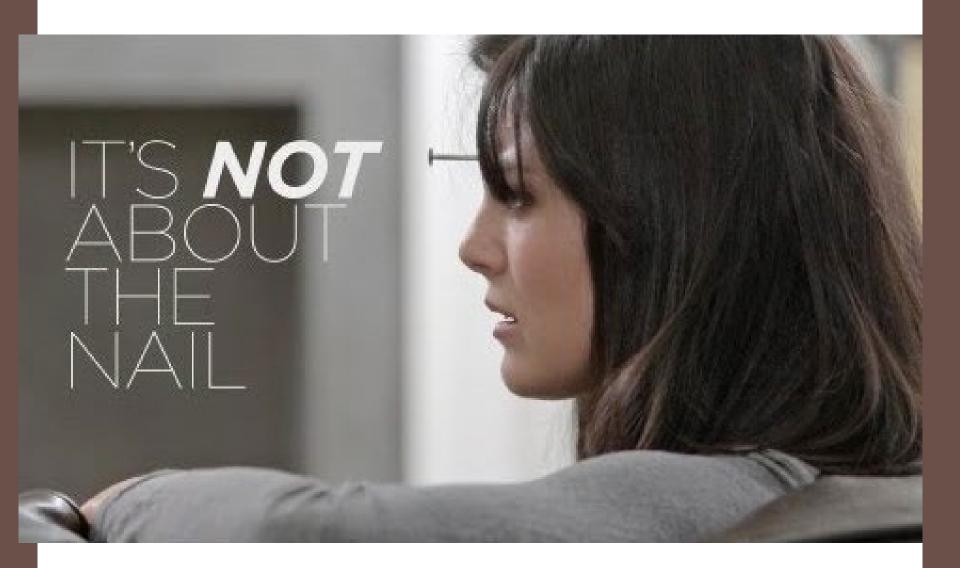


## It Begins with a Strong Foundation

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- Act with integrity
- Listen and demonstrate daily that you care
- Encourage and support empowerment of the client and team members



# Be more effective at work and at home! What home! What home! Dependence of the second second

The Power of Positive Relationships

Ken Blanchard Coauthor of Gung Ho! and Raving Fans Thad Lacinak • Chuck Tompkins Jim Ballard



## It Begins with a Strong Foundation

- Recognize the hard work of others
- Provide clear, consistent and constructive feedback and directions
- Merge client goals with your vision. Set expectations.



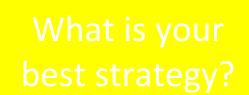
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- Correct problems right away, don't procrastinate
- Address apathy issues within the client
- Evaluate and leverage your assets





Fight the right battles, regardless of pressures to turn your attention elsewhere Avoid analysis paralysis



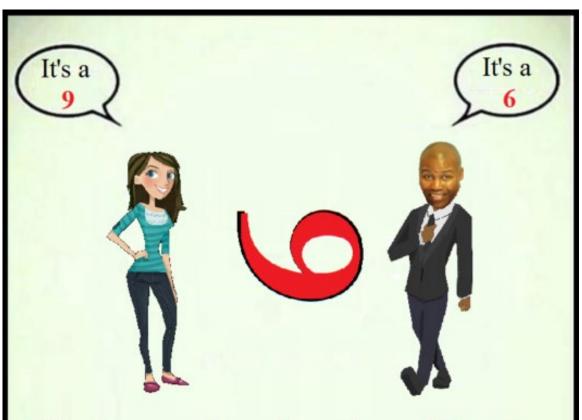
## CHUNKING YOUR PROJECTS DOWN HELPS

## GET THEM DONE



## Communicate your success

Build tolerance for other points of view - a thick skin against peer pressure



"Truth can often times be <u>subjective</u> to your <u>position</u>, <u>perspective</u> and previous <u>directives</u>."

Cedric & Karen

**Characteristics of** ICE **Incredible Client** Experience

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# Exceed the customer/client's expectations at every possible point of service



## **ICE: Delivers**

- Reliability and consistency in the delivery of their service to the client
- Accountability for their decisions and actions





### **ICE: Delivers**

- Assurance and empathy for the client and their situation
- Responsiveness to the client's needs that is prompt and effective





### **ICE: Delivers**

- Tangibles (such as costs of operations and to time management) are understood
- Constant upgrading of individual performance





## **Moments of Truth**





# What are your moments of truth?



 Identify Possible "Wow" Moment of Truth experiences when working with a BUYER.  Identify Possible "Wow" Moment of Truth experiences when working with a SELLER.



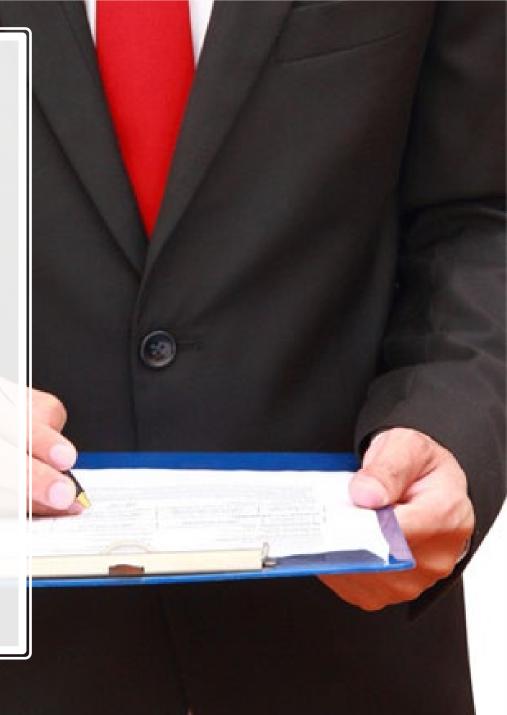
## The ICE Strategy Process

 Customers have great difficulty differentiating between agents



## Step One: Gather Information

- Know exactly where you stand in terms of service
- What are you using for surveys?





- Ask questions that target the general feelings regarding:
  - Communication
  - Comfort with the steps of the process
  - Vendor partner performance





Implement client surveys
Offering an incentive

 Uncover what the customer/client feels is MOST important





- Conduct face to face meetings with past and current clients
- What do they like most about your business?





- Why do they keep utilizing your services?
- What would cause them to seek other options?





• What are the top three services we offer that you take advantage of the most?



Step 2: Assemble Analyze Adapt



Sift through and identify actionable items

• Set up a plan of action to tackle the feedback



Hi! This is \_\_\_\_\_! How is your day going? Great!

I am in a class this morning where we were discussing gratitude for our clients and how to create Wow customer service experiences. So first off, I want to THANK YOU for allowing me to help you with your home <u>Sale or Purchase</u>.

I am always striving to improve my ability to provide an amazing exerience. Can you help me? I have three short questions.

1) what did you like about your experince working with me (my team)?

2) Here's where you can give me an amazing gift so please feel free to be completely honest: what would have made the experience even better?

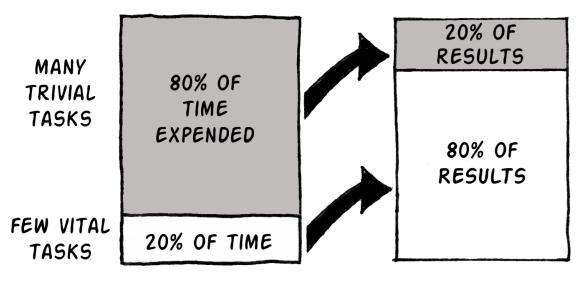
3) Would you feel comfortable sending your friends and family my way if they ever needed anything real estate related?

Thank you so much for your time and feedback, I really appreciate you!



## Step 3 Prioritize and Implement

- Prioritize your action steps
- Identify those actions that will have the most impact on the customer experience with the least amount of effort







## Step 3 Prioritize and Implement

 Never let a client leave angry or upset if you can possibly prevent it.





- Evaluate progress every 2 weeks
- Evaluate your decisions

Ask, what is the:

- Worst thing that could happen and what will you do if it happens?
- Best thing that could happen and what will you do it happens?
- Most likely thing that will happen and what will you do if it happens?



• Is it an activity that will increase efficiencies?





• Is it an activity that will decrease complexity?





### Step 4: Evaluate Results - Calibrate

- Evaluate and calibrate
- Check your follow up routines and tracking systems





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 Did your changes have a buying decision making impact?

# HAPPY CUSTOMER



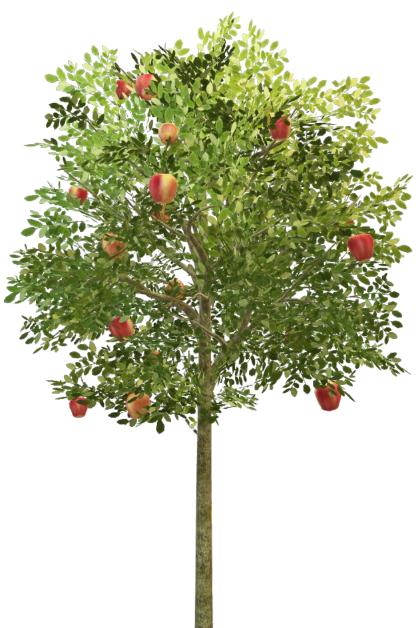
# The Strategy of ICE

- Input
- Collaboration
- Setting aside egos
- Consumer centric

# **From Decision to Action**



 Is there a system in your business to show that you care about your clients before, during and after the sale?





#### **VIP** Referral System

We want to make sure we have a system to properly thank the people who send business our way!

At the time of the referral I want to show appreciation with:

Verbal Thank You

Personal Note

Public Acknowledgement

When the transaction closes:

Phone Call Thank You

Personal Note

Coffee/Lunch Invite

**VIP** Database

Added Contact

Labeled referral

Set Communication Reminder

VIP Event/Pop Bys

Reward the behavior you want to have duplicated!

Someone who feels part of the process will be more involved!

What you Appreciate Appreciates!



Stand out and the rest will follow...

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