

MVA Lead Follow-Up â?? Speed To Contact, Intake & Signed Retainers

Description

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This article shares insights on how attorneys can improve their conversion of MVA leads and grow their personal injury client bases. It explains the most frequently used MVA lead types â?? real-time, call transfers, and full intake â?? and the factors critical to their success. It also discusses the key performance measures law firms should track to ensure success.

Buying motor vehicle accident (MVA) leads is the first step toward acquiring new personal injury clients. The next challenge is converting those inquiries into signed retainers. Response speed, intake procedures, and consistent follow-up can determine whether an accident injury becomes a retained case or a missed opportunity.

For more than 21 years, The Leads Warehouse has helped businesses acquire qualified sales leads across multiple industries. TLW offers real-time MVA leads, exclusive long-form accident leads, MVA call transfers and full intake leads (read our blog, â??How To Buy MVA Leads â?? Lead Type, Exclusivity & Qualityâ?•). Each product requires a different follow-up strategy, making intake performance an important consideration when law firms purchase motor vehicle accident leads.

How to follow up with MVA leads and convert more cases

Law firms can improve MVA lead conversion by contacting new inquiries immediately, qualifying accident details, and guiding prospective clients through the intake process. Effective follow-up should match the lead source, document each interaction, and move qualified prospects toward attorney review and signed representation agreements.

The process begins before the first lead arrives. Firms purchasing MVA leads for attorneys should establish intake coverage, assign responsibilities, and confirm that their CRM receives the necessary consumer information.

TLWâ??s sales training identifies four factors that influence conversion: lead quality, outreach cadence, deliverability, and sale scripts. Even qualified accident inquiries can lose value when phone calls go unanswered or intake representatives lack clear procedures. The objective is to build a repeatable process that turns purchased leads into measurable client acquisition opportunities.

Real-time MVA leads â?? speed to contact and the first call

Real-time MVA leads are generated when consumers submit accident-related information online. The Leads Warehouse offers exclusive co-registration leads at **$1.50** per lead and dedicated long-form MVA inquiries ranging from **$300** to **$375** per lead.

Both products require immediate attention, although their qualification levels differ. Co-registration inquiries originate from surveys, while dedicated forms collect more detailed information about accidents, injuries, and representation needs. TLWâ??s product guidance recommends making the first contact attempt within **8 seconds** of receiving a real-time lead. If the consumer doesnâ??t answer, additional attempts should follow a structured schedule that respects applicable calling restrictions.

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For law firms buying real-time motor vehicle accident leads, this requires dependable delivery and available intake representatives. A lead arriving through an API integration should enter the firmâ??s intake system without unnecessary delays. Speed alone does not guarantee representation. However, immediate contact creates an opportunity to speak with consumers while their inquiry is still recent.

MVA intake scripts â?? co-reg vs. long-form accident leads

An effective MVA intake script should reflect how the consumer originally expressed interest. A person completing an accident survey may require a different opening conversation than someone who submitted a detailed request for legal representation. For co-registration inquiries, intake representatives should identify the law firm, reference the consumerâ??s expressed interest, and confirm the basic accident circumstances. Dedicated long-form inquiries allow representatives to begin with information already provided. Rather than repeating every question, the intake team can verify important details and address missing information.

The initial conversation should establish:

- **Accident details** â?? when and where the collision occurred
- **Injuries** â?? whether the consumer sustained injuries and received medical attention
- **Fault** â?? available information about responsibility for the accident
- **Representation** â?? whether another attorney already represents the consumer
- **Next steps** â?? whether the case should proceed to attorney review

TLWâ??s training emphasizes calm authority, clear questions, and empathetic communication. Accident victims may be dealing with injuries, insurance disputes, or financial uncertainty. An organized intake conversation can establish trust without unnecessary pressure. The goal is to determine whether the inquiry meets the firmâ??s case criteria and move qualified prospects toward representation.

MVA call transfers â?? live handoffs and intake readiness

MVA call transfers connect law firms with consumers who are already speaking with a representative. Unlike web leads requiring an outbound callback, transfers provide an immediate opportunity to continue a live conversation.

These products generally include a **120-second qualification buffer**, subject to the campaignâ??s agreed billing requirements. The receiving firm can use this period to confirm essential information and determine whether the caller meets its intake criteria. They should build on the information gathered before the transfer rather than restart the entire conversation. This reduces repetition and helps maintain the consumerâ??s engagement.

Call transfers require reliable staffing. A firm purchasing live MVA transfers should have representatives available during the campaignâ??s operating hours. Missed calls and poor buffer management affect campaign economics. Firms that consistently answer transfers and qualify callers appropriately are better positioned to maintain productive call flow.

For smaller practices without extensive outbound teams, MVA call transfers can provide a practical alternative to purchasing large volumes of data leads.

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Full intake MVA leads and signed retainer agreements

MVA full intake leads move prospective clients further through the qualification process before delivery. These products can include accident details, insurance information, available police reports, medical documentation, and signed intake forms.

Full intake leads generally cost **$3,000** to **$5,000** depending on campaign requirements and geography. Their higher price reflects the additional qualification and documentation completed before the law firm receives the opportunity. However, a completed intake package is not necessarily the same as a fully executed attorney-client representation agreement. Firms must verify the documentation and complete their required engagement procedures.

TLWâ??s product guidance recommends contacting full intake prospects within **5 to 15 minutes** of delivery. The initial conversation should identify the law firm and attorney, confirm the submitted information, and explain the next steps.

The American Bar Associationâ??s Model Rule 1.5 requires contingency-fee agreements to be in writing and signed by the client. State-specific requirements may differ. For firms purchasing signed MVA retainers or advanced intake opportunities, the distinction between preliminary documentation and completed representation is essential.

How to improve MVA lead conversion with follow-up

Consistent personal injury lead follow-up requires more than repeated phone calls. Firms need accurate information, appropriate contact methods, and a clear process for moving qualified prospects toward attorney engagement.

The first step is confirming that lead delivery works correctly. TLWâ??s real-time lead training recommends monitoring the first **50 to 100 inquiries** to verify field mapping, delivery accuracy, and integration performance. For MVA campaigns, firms should confirm that accident dates, contact

information, qualification answers, and available consent records reach the intake system correctly.

Once delivery is established, the follow-up process should match the product. Real-time inquiries require immediate outreach, while full intakes need prompt documentation review and attorney involvement. Text messaging and email can supplement calling when appropriate consent and applicable requirements permit.

The ABAâ??s guidance on Formal Opinion 501 also highlights professional responsibilities surrounding certain solicitation activities. Law firms should evaluate third-party marketing and intake procedures against their jurisdictionâ??s rules.

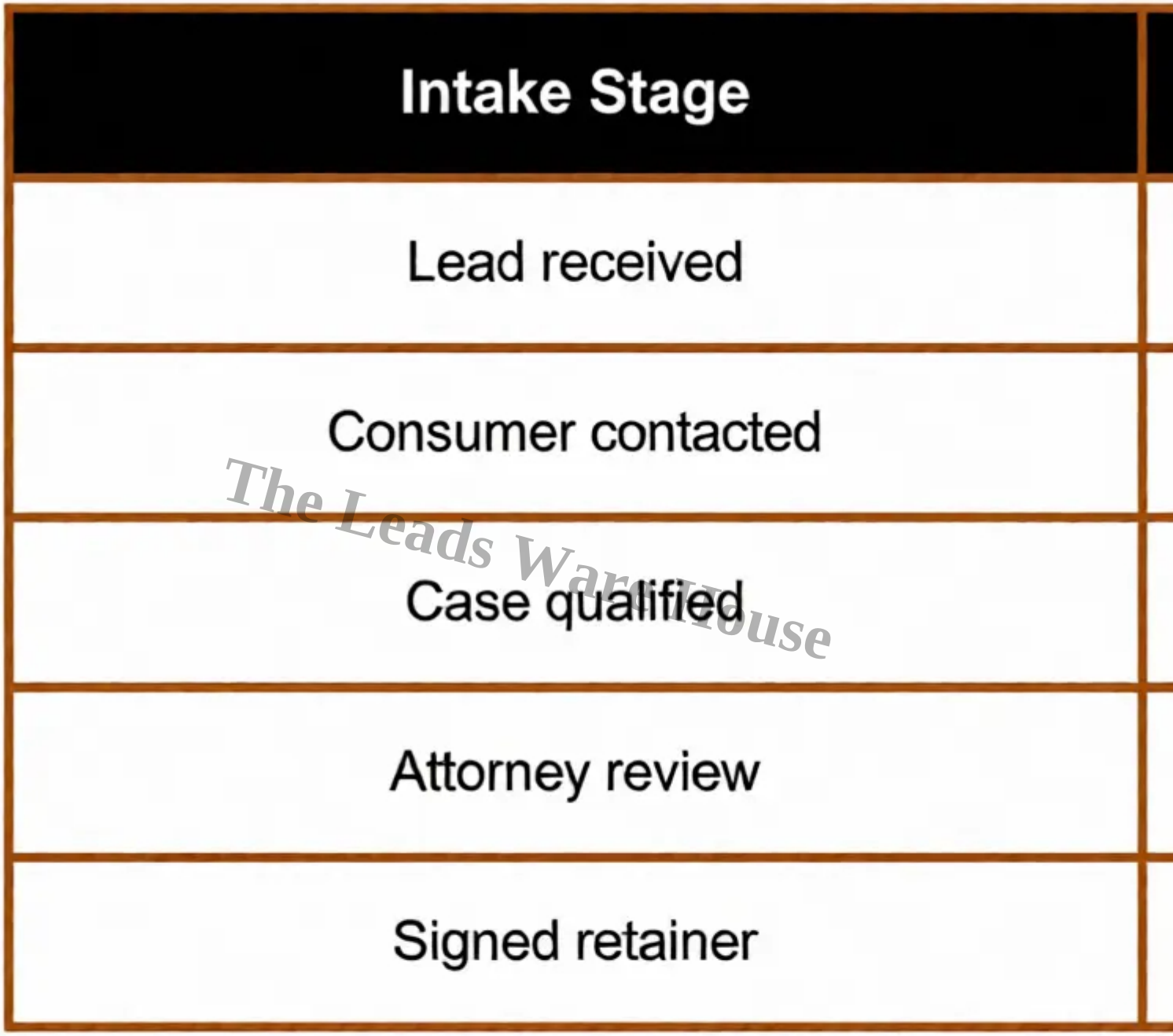
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Tracking cost per signed retainer and intake performance

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Law firms purchasing motor vehicle accident leads should measure results beyond initial contact rates. The most important financial question is how much the firm spends to acquire a signed client.

A useful MVA intake conversion funnel tracks each stage:



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The cost to acquire a signed client is calculated as total acquisition expenses divided by the number of signed clients. As an example, a **$15,000** campaign producing **5** signed clients results in a **$3,000** lead-only acquisition cost per retainer. If the same investment produces **10** signed clients, that cost falls to

$1,500 per retained client. These examples exclude additional intake and operating expenses. Research from Clioâ??s 2025 Legal Trends Report for Solo and Small Law Firms identifies digital intake tools, including electronic signatures and text messaging, as useful components of law firm conversion workflows. These costs should be factored into total acquisition costs.

Tracking performance at each stage of the intake process helps firms determine whether improvements are needed in lead sourcing, contact speed, qualification, or retainer completion.

Building a better MVA lead follow-up process

The strongest MVA lead generation campaigns combine suitable lead products with effective intake operations. Real-time co-reg MVA leads provide budget-friendly prospecting volume. Dedicated form-fills offer deeper accident qualification. MVA call transfers create immediate conversations. And, full intakes advance prospective cases toward representation.

The Leads Warehouse offers all four products, allowing personal injury firms to match lead purchases with staffing, qualification requirements, and acquisition goals. Attorneys can explore motor vehicle accident leads or schedule a consultation to discuss MVA lead options, intake requirements, and campaign availability. Are you ready to talk about how you can grow your motor vehicle accident case pipeline?

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