



Dude, My Boss Is a Millennial

Breakout One

California Strong 2017 Employment Law Conference

Presented by:
Susan Steward

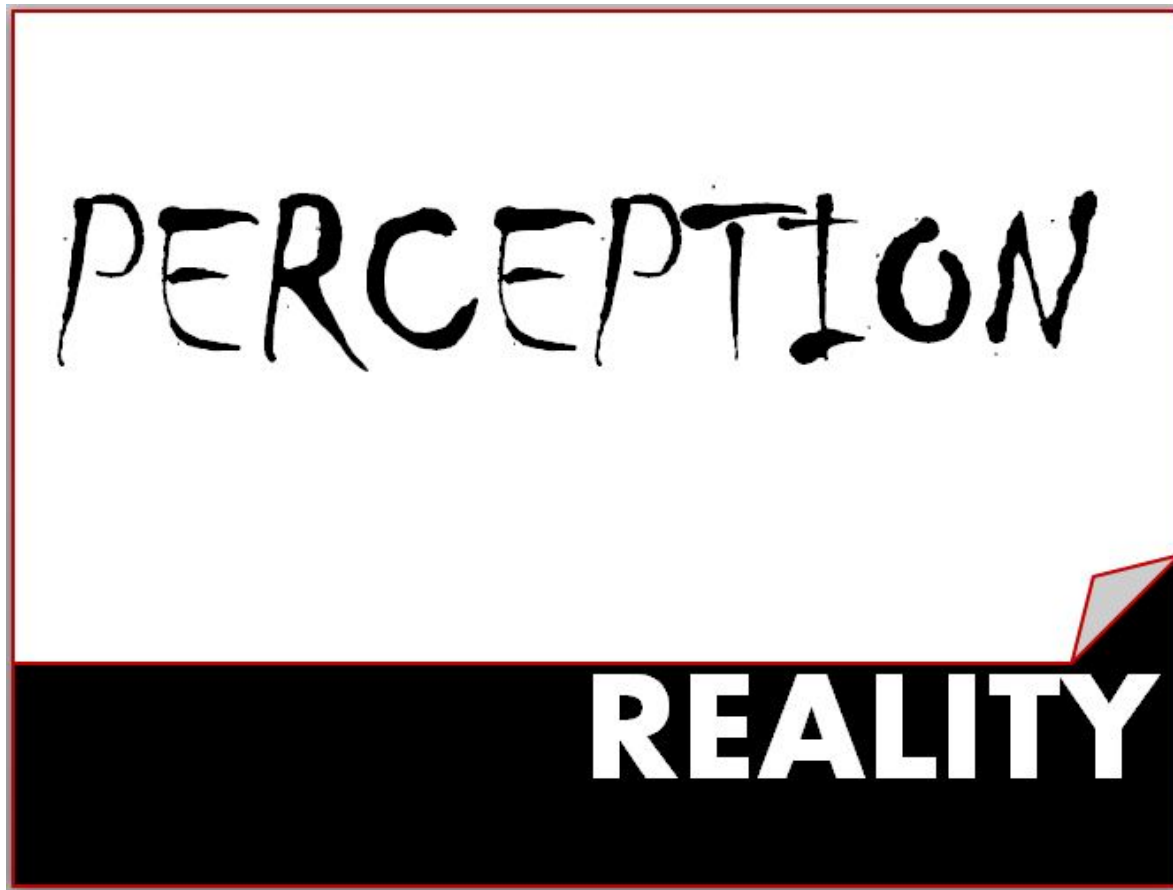
aa/rr
Atkinson, Andelson
Loya, Ruud & Romo
A Professional Law Corporation

Agenda

- Perception vs. Reality: Millennial Managers
- Common Mistakes Made by Millennial Managers
- Millennial Managers and the Multi-Generational Workplace
- Supporting Millennial Managers



Perception and Reality: Millennial Managers



Perceptions about Millennial Managers

- Lack experience
- Can be immature
- Have no long-term vision
- Are too focused on their next career step
- Struggle with people skills



Millennial Managers Will Bring Changes to the Workplace

- 1 Different measures of productivity
- 2 Replace work-life balance with work-life blend
- 3 Relationships at work are a priority
- 4 Empowering employees
- 5 Working collaboratively



Millennial Managers Will Bring Changes to the Workplace

- 6 Personal values matter
- 7 Flexibility in the workplace
- 8 Transparency - being “in the know”
- 9 Informality
- 10 Shorter managerial lifespan

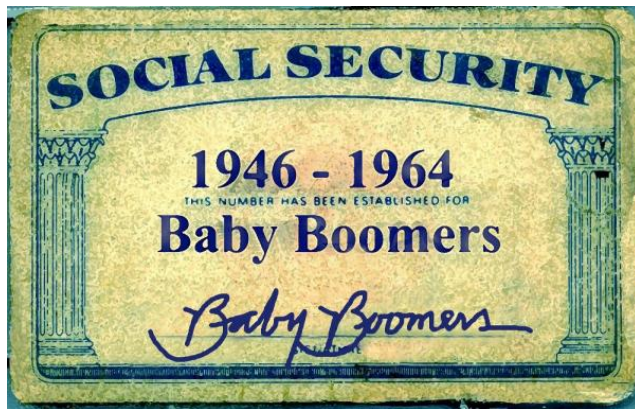


Common Mistakes by Millennial Managers



- ✓ Inability to provide constructive feedback
- ✓ Inability to manage stress and keep emotions in check
- ✓ Selecting teammates based on likability instead of skills and abilities
- ✓ Failure to engage in conflict to bring about resolution

Millennial Managers and the Multi-Generational Workplace



Millennials (Born 1981 – 2000)

Workplace Traits



- Motivated by meaning
- Task, not time, oriented
- Socially connected at all times
- Require frequent feedback



Millennials (Born 1981 - 2000)

Suggested Approaches



- Set clear expectations
- Provide frequent feedback about performance
- Take the time to foster relationships
- Create growth opportunities for high flight risks
- Set boundaries for workplace relationships

Gen Xers (Born 1965 -1980)

Workplace Traits



- Strong independent streak
- Do not regard the office as a place to develop attachments
- Want to be capable and competent
- Willing to work to build up their abilities
- Like challenging assignments



Gen Xers (Born 1965 – 1980)

Suggested Approaches

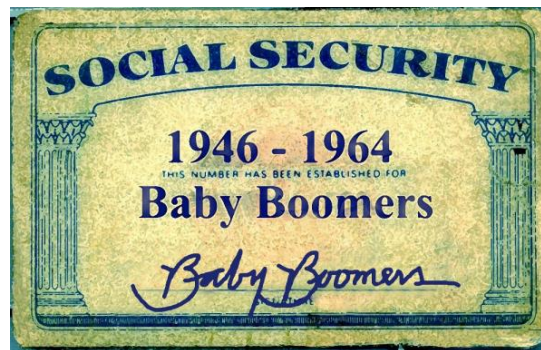


- Help Gen Xers develop marketable skills and stay current
- Provide opportunities for Gen Xers to work in different settings or aspects of a project
- Reduce policies or procedures that impede Gen Xers' progress
- Reward and promote Gen Xers based on accomplishment and contribution
- Permit Gen Xers to work on their own if preferred

Baby Boomers (Born 1946 – 1964)

Workplace Traits

- Take social contribution seriously
- Seek to make the world more harmonious
- Possess a wealth of experience
- Have an elevated view of their skills



Baby Boomers (Born 1946 -1964)

Suggested Approaches



- Look for new ways to leverage Baby Boomers' strengths
- Prove self to Baby Boomers through performance
- Find ways to bring Baby Boomers' contributions in line with their self-view
- Provide positive opportunities to put their strengths to work
- Solicit Baby Boomers as mentors for the team

Silent Generation (Born 1925 – 1945)

The Silent Generation
“The Traditionalists.”

Workplace Traits



- Good work habits and attitude toward work
- Less fearful of being fired than younger generations
- May resent being managed by someone less tenured
- Overall less familiar with technology than subsequent generations

Silent Generation (Born 1925 -1945)

Suggested Approaches



- Acknowledge their experience and value
- Help them embrace and adopt new systems and methodologies
- Provide opportunities for meaningful work
- Solicit them as mentors for the team

Supporting Millennial Managers

Getting talent development right is crucial for developing and retaining Millennial managers.



Best Practices for Talent Development

- Devote sufficient time to developing leadership skills
- Develop and implement leadership development programs that reflect Millennials' values
- Provide team building opportunities and skill development via social impact activities
- Help Millennial managers develop dialogue skills
- Weave mentorship into the fabric of organizational culture and development programs

Mentoring Millennial Managers

- Mentorship Programs
 - Reverse mentoring
 - Group mentoring
 - Anonymous mentoring



Focus on High-Value Leadership Activities

- Personal development
- Time management
- Create or revise the vision
- Devise strategic and tactical plans
- Communicate with the team



Focus on High-Value Leadership Activities

- Keep the team strong
- Continuous recruitment and screening
- Support direct reports
- Regular monitoring
- Perform control activities



In Conclusion





Thank You

Disclaimer

This AALRR presentation is intended for informational purposes only and should not be relied upon in reaching a conclusion in a particular area of law. Applicability of the legal principles discussed may differ substantially in individual situations. Receipt of this or any other AALRR presentation/publication does not create an attorney-client relationship. The firm is not responsible for inadvertent errors that may occur in the publishing process.



© 2017 Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo