From Training to Habit: 3 Moves That Drive GenAI Usage

Training doesn't create adoption. Habits do — and new habits stick when people see the payoff, feel safe learning, and receive helpful triggers.

1 Show the payoff (Motivation)

People don't adopt GenAI because it's impressive. They adopt it when they can see it improving the work they deliver.

What works in law firms:

- Examples tied to real work products (emails, outlines, first drafts, summaries)
- Quality upgrades (not just speed)
- Safe, defensible use cases tied to real pain points attorneys already recognize

2 Make it feel safe (Ability)

GenAI can be unpredictable. Adoption sticks when the learning curve feels manageable and there's a safe first step.

What works:

- Show the journey – be honest about the effort it takes to become fluent
- Offer one starter use case people can try immediately

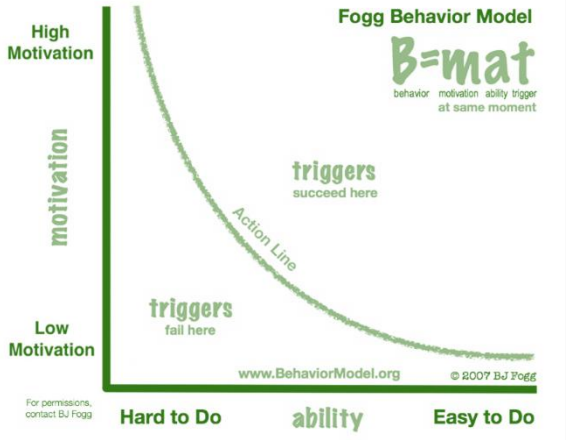
3 Bake it into the day (Trigger)

Even when people believe in GenAI and know how to use it… they still forget. A trigger turns intention into action.

What works:

- Make Copilot the first tab people open each morning
- Send short weekly tips to keep GenAI front-of-mind
- Define clear trigger moments like "when I'm stuck" (blank page → draft, too long → summarize, unclear → structure)

New Behavior sticks when Motivation × Ability × Triggers are aligned.



What changes in practice

Instead of asking: **"Why won't attorneys use GenAI?"**
Ask: **Which ingredient is missing right now?**

- If people aren't trying GenAI → **Motivation gap** (show the payoff)
- If results feel unpredictable → **Ability gap** (Make it feel safe + give a first step)
- If interest fades after training → **Trigger gap** (bake reminders into everyday routines)

That's how GenAI usage becomes a habit

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