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## **Give Yourself the Most Options**

In *The Art of War*, Sun Tzu said: 'To be able to transform with the enemy is what is meant by 'spiritlike'.''

What Sun Tzu meant is that groups who win in war have no fixed form; instead, they manifest themselves in whatever way required to attain victory. They take shape in response to what obstacles they are presented with.

One of the exciting things about being an attorney is that your skills are transferable. For example, a litigator can become a construction defect attorney, a corporate attorney can practice law in Cleveland or Dubai and an intellectual property attorney can move from Texas to Pittsburgh. The fact is there are options everywhere if you know how to look and you know how to search.

One of the best uses of your talents is to expand your options and take advantage of opportunities outside your current geographic area. In the legal field, you have opportunities available to you in other cities and other markets and even other practice areas. The sky is the limit for what you can achieve.

When the economy changes, you need to be ready and willing to adapt. You need to ''transform'' in response to the obstacles ahead. This is what the best job seekers do. Follow their lead.