



Legal Auditing Services in Patent Litigation

In recent years, the number of patent suits has risen dramatically. Determining what a particular patent covers can be difficult and ripe for litigation. Given the proliferation of patent suits, it may be likely that you find yourself involved in some type of litigation over a patent. Legal fees can add up quickly in these suits.

If you are faced with legal fees that you would like reviewed, you can turn to Stuart Maue. Stuart Maue has over 15 years of experience with legal fees associated with patent litigation. The professionals at Stuart Maue were practicing attorneys before becoming legal auditors. This provides you the assurance that you are receiving the most accurate and reliable findings in the legal bill review industry. Our experience includes a broad spectrum of underlying lawsuits with legal fees at issue ranging from \$100,000–\$400,000,000.

When involved in a patent litigation, clients often request Stuart Maue to perform a legal audit. A legal audit is a review of prior paid invoices. After the review is complete, Stuart Maue meets with the client to explain the findings of each audit. Moreover, we work closely with our client to design and implement a strategy for the recovery of questionable fees and expenses that were paid to the firms. We also have the ability to review the invoices before payment.

A legal audit may include the following phases:

Data Reconciliation- Invoice data is imported into our proprietary software and reconciled by our accountants.

Case Background- Our attorney reviewers analyze all the materials at their disposal including dockets, pleadings, work product, correspondence, retention letters, billing guidelines, etc. The background review is important in order for our attorneys to familiarize themselves with the underlying litigation and to provide context to the invoices under review.

Line-by-Line Analysis- Our attorney reviewers engage in a line-by-line review of every billing entry. We identify inappropriate or questionable billing activities based on our years of professional experience as litigators, established legal precedent, and any applicable billing guidelines or terms of retention.

Report Generation- Clients receive detailed reports outlining the categories of questioned fees and expenses. Each questioned category is supported by a descriptive narrative justifying the attorney reviewer's categorization and includes exhibits highlighting the problematic fee and expense entries.

Post-Report Negotiation and Testimony- Stuart Maue assists clients with presenting audit findings to law firms for the purposes of negotiating the recoupment of previously paid fees and/or going-forward credits. Additionally, our reports form the basis of expert witness testimony to tribunals, arbitrators, and mediators.

A legal audit may help you:

- position yourself for effective negotiation in the recoupment of previously paid fees, going-forward credits, or other discounts.
- review firms for efficiency and effectiveness for planning purposes.
- allocate costs among matters, time periods, projects, and claims.
- prepare for litigation (Stuart Maue's findings often form the basis of expert witness testimony in assessing the appropriateness of legal fees).
- revise and improve billing policies and guidelines.

See how Legal Auditing Services in Patent Litigation can help you...

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