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Representative Examples

Legal audit for biotech company: Ongoing review beginning in 2014 of patent infringement litigation where invoices of three firms for two-month initial period totaled over \$623,429.25 billed by 27 timekeepers. Identified \$149,551.89 (24%) in fees and expenses that violated the client's current billing guidelines and other billing issues, including vague task descriptions, potential spread billing, administrative and clerical tasks, tasks unrelated to the claim, excessive multiple attendance at meetings and events, duplicative activities by multiple timekeepers, and pre-litigation fees. Designed billing guidelines for company's counsel based upon issues identified in initial invoices.

Legal audit for major toy manufacturer: Copyright infringement litigation including 356 timekeepers and fees and costs in excess of \$59M. Identified \$9.2M in questioned fees for vague task descriptions, administrative and clerical tasks, training of new billers, tasks unrelated to the case, excessive multiple attendance at meetings and events, law firm "self-promotion" fees, duplicative activities by multiple timekeepers, and extravagant travel expenses.

Legal fee consulting and auditing for Canadian pharmaceutical manufacturer and distributor: Ongoing review of its patent counsel fees and expenses. Designed billing guidelines and negotiated revisions to guidelines with manufacturer's counsel. Implemented bill review program now in its 11th year, reviewing in excess of \$50M annually.

Legal fee consulting and auditing for international aerospace and defense contractor headquartered in London, England: Beginning in January 2013, performed ongoing invoice review of patent litigation of multiple law firms, providing monthly review and analysis of legal fees and expenses. Designed billing guidelines and implemented monthly review program.

Legal audit for patent infringement fee dispute between automobile computer system supplier and major auto manufacturer: In 2011, reviewed fees of three law firms identifying 26.7% of the total fees as questioned for double billings and other mathematical errors, administrative and clerical overhead tasks, excessive multiple attendance at meetings and events, duplicative activities by multiple timekeepers, and other issues.

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Legal fee audit for patent infringement fee dispute between computer technology company and nineteen auto manufacturers: In 2010, reviewed \$7.6M in fees billed by 113 timekeepers from four law firms. Identified \$2.5M in questioned fees and expenses for charges billed to the wrong matter, mathematical errors, administrative and clerical overhead tasks, training of law student summer associates, vague charges, excessive multiple attendance at meetings and events, duplicative activities by multiple timekeepers, and unsubstantiated expenses and other issues.

Legal fee consulting and auditing for a Silicon Valley computer chip manufacturer: Ongoing review and analysis of six patent infringement and antitrust suits with fees totaling over \$30M.

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