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### RUN YOUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT LIKE A BUSINESS UNIT – HOW TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

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#### **BEST PRACTICES**



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# PRACTICING LAW THE BUSINESS OF LAW







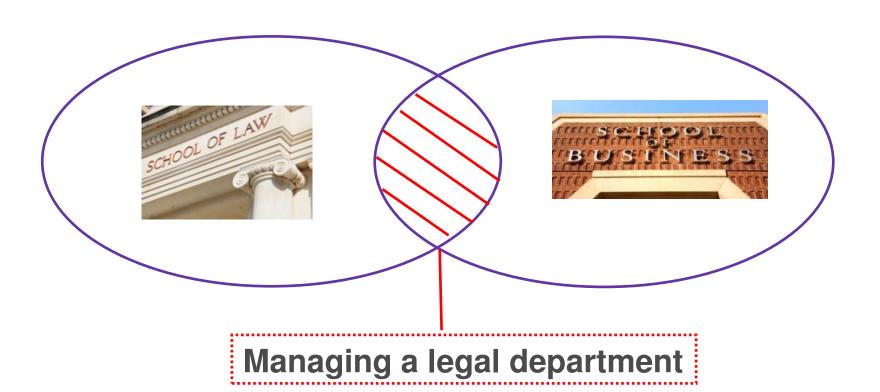




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### CORPORATE LAW DEPARTMENTS – THE INTERSECTION OF LAW & BUSINESS





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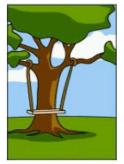


#### IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT

 Increases chances of success, satisfied clients, meeting the goals of your business



How the Client explained it



How the inside lawyer understood it



How the law firm designed it



How the all the lawyers handled it as a team



How the CFO described it



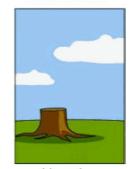
How the litigation process was documented



What the Client thought was done



How the Company was billed



How the dissatisfaction with the experience was addressed



What the Client really needed

#### **ADOPTING A PROCESS**

•Incorporate project management techniques into legal department operations.

#### PLAN

#### **MONITOR**

#### **ASSESS**

- Early case assessments
- Establish appropriate staffing
- Establish budget
- Track spending against budget
- Receive periodic status reports

- Review outcomes
- Analyze management reports
- Apply lessons learned



### SCOPE THE PROJECT



	☐ This problem is important to our business because	
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	☐ The best possible solution is	
	☐The most likely solution is	
	We expect this matter to be resolved by	_(time
	$lue{}$ In similar matter, the results were	
	lue Key stakeholders in the company:	
	Primary phases, including tasks/deliverables:	



#### OPTIMIZE STAFFING ON PROJECTS

 Project success depends on assembling the right team and monitoring allocation of work.

INVOICE ANALYSIS



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amuel Lawyer (AS)	\$393.30	4.2 (30.7%)		\$1,651.86 (34.9%)
aty Coleridge (PT)	\$550.62	1.2 (8.8%)		\$660.74 (14.0%)
arah Keats (OC)	\$629.28	1.3 (9.5%)		\$818.06 (17.3%)
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#### ALLOCATING WORK AMONG FIRMS

• Identify top-performing firms and lawyers for the department's external matters.

				<u>2011</u> Evaluation		
<u>Firm</u>	Business Unit/Focus	<u>2011 \$K</u> ▼	<u>%</u> -	Score -	# Files (Lead 🔻	
Firm 1	Employment (All Vendors)	1,186	23.8%	3.4	31	
Firm 2	Processing & Production/Lit & Gen	492	9.9%	3.0	12	
Firm 3	IP	347	7.0%	3.6	81	
Firm 4	International	304	6.1%	3.4	15	
Firm 5	International - Brazil	300	6.0%	3.0	2	
Firm 6	All - Annuity Payments	297	6.0%	N/A	N/A	
Firm 7	International	265	5.3%	3.2	36	
Firm 8	IP	202	4.1%	3.3	58	
Firm 9	IP	191	3.8%	3.5	98	
Firm 10	Customs Compliance	145	2.9%	3.6	1	
Firm 11	Litigation	132	2.7%	4.4	13	
Fimr 12	IP - DDS	131	2.6%	3.6	34	
Firm 13	IP	117	2.4%	3.6	15	
Firm 14	Corporate	115	2.3%	4.1	21	
Others	39 Firms	750	15.1%			
TOTALS		4,974	100.0%			

### SET CONSISTENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT WITH OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Use of billing guidelines to create uniform relationships

	Current
Require discounts from standard rates	74.7%
Project budgets required	64.6%
No change of assigned attorneys without client consent	63.5%
Travel expense rules	60.1%
Early case assessments	59.6%
Client ownership of work product	46.6%
Policies encouraging alternative dispute resolution	29.8%
Technology requirements	24.7%
Policies regarding diversity of service providers	18.5%



### E-BILLING CAN TURN LEGAL BILLS INTO POWERFUL TOOLS & REPORTS

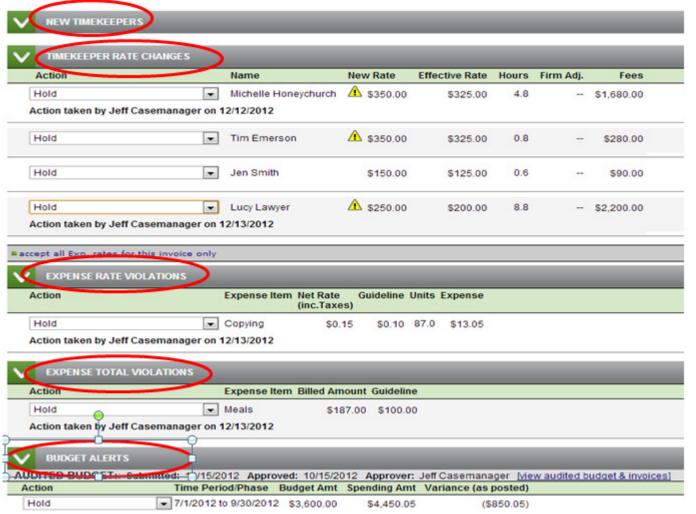




- Cost control
- Benchmarking and analytics
- Attorney hourly rate management
- Budget management
- Workload management
- Allocation of work to outside firms
- Billing guideline management
- Metrics proving savings and efficiency



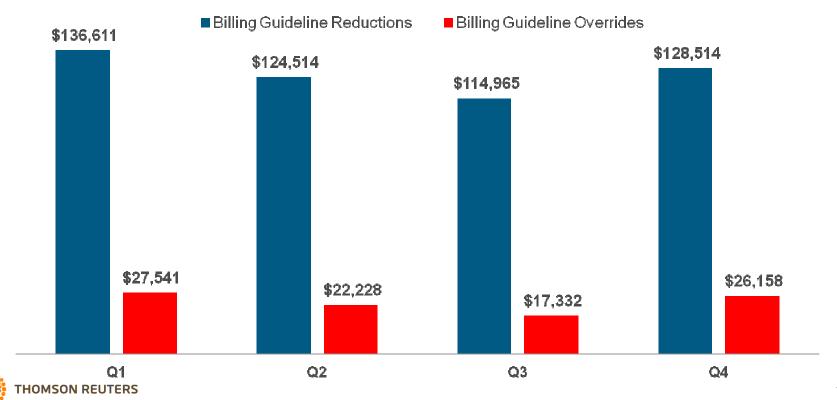
#### MONITOR COMPLIANCE





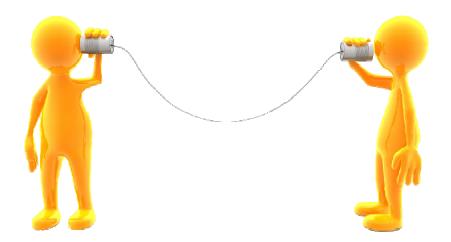
#### TRACK IMPACTS

- What savings is the law department generating?
- Are you leaving money on the table by ignoring violations?



#### ELIMINATE SURPRISES: PERIODIC STATUS UPDATES & CALENDARS

- Foundation of legal project management: more communication, not less
- Require periodic status reports
- Use shared calendaring tool; automatically sends reminders to in-house/outside counsel legal team
- Adjust the plan as necessary





### CREATING THE BUDGET WITH OUTSIDE COUNSEL

A LOOK at the BUDGET

□Value of project to the client:
□ Estimated cost:
☐ Key budget assumptions:
☐ Areas where "scope creep" is most likely:
☐ What are the unknowns? Does a "phase" approach make more sense?
☐ How this will be managed with our internal budgets:



#### **AUTOMATE PROJECT BUDGET TRACKING**

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Fiscal Year 2013 Budget (01/13 to 12/13)	Budget Total	Budget Fees	Budget Expenses	'13 Dept. Budget
FY 2013 Budget	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	
FY 2013 Budget to Date	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	
FY 2013 Actual Billings				
% Actual vs. Budget (FY 2013 to Date)	0%	0%	0%	

#### **Total Matter Budget**

Total Matter Budget \$109,000 -Total Matter Budget to Date \$109,000 \$109,000 \$0 -Total Actual Billings \$82,912 \$81,783 \$1,129 \$82,912
% Actual vs. Budget (Total to Date) 76% 75% --

**Budget Spreadsheet** 

View Budget Phoces

Difference between Total Matter Budget (\$109,000) and amount allocated in spreadsheet below (\$109,000): \$0

■ Initial Case Assessment and Handling	\$18,000	\$18,000	<b>\$</b> 0	\$17,960
Time Period	Budget Total	Budget Fees	Budget Expenses	Invoices Billing Party
Feb 2010 - Jul 2010	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0	\$17,960 Show Invoices
☐ Discovery and Post Discovery Motions	\$32,000	\$32,000	<b>\$</b> 0	\$21,201
Time Period	Dudoot	Dudoot	Dodoot	Investment Billiam Books
Time Period	Budget Total	Budget Fees	Budget Expenses	Invoices Billing Party
Aug 2010 - Dec 2010				\$12,677 Show Invoices
	Total	Fees	Expenses	040.077



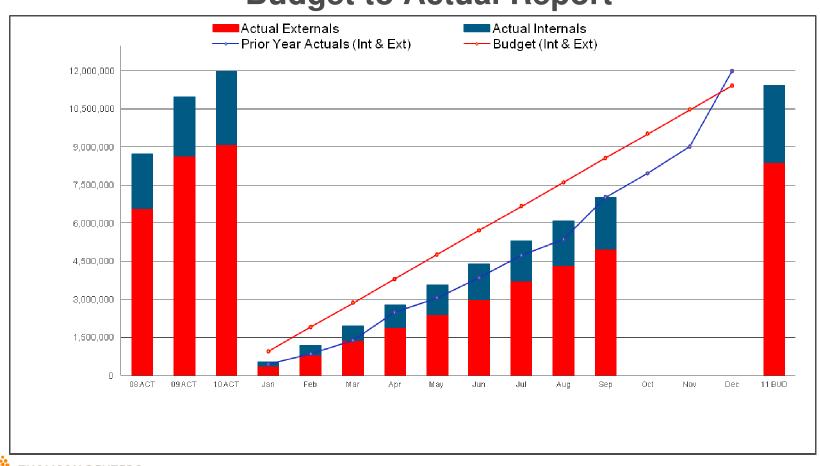
### TRIAGE MATTERS THAT NEED BUDGET ATTENTION

Matter Name ▲	Substantive Law	Actual Spending	<u>Budget</u>	Act lal/Budget%
TOTAL ITEMS (25)				
		\$1,068,321.70	\$1,423,007.60	75%
*Thomas v. Acme	Employment-Discrimination/Disabilities Law	\$82,912.25	\$109,000.00	76%
Airbus A380 divestiture	Aviation/Aerospace	\$34,756.95	\$56,840.40	61%
Aircraft Seat Partition (PCT)	Intellectual Property - Patent	\$38,315.00	\$36,200.00	106%
Aircraft Seat Partition (U.S. Pat.)	Intellectual Property - Patent	\$110,138.50	\$173,000.00	64%
Ashley v. Pacific	Torts	\$42,909.33	\$51,100.00	84%
Boeing Dreamliner Purchase	Aviation/Aerospace	\$43,534.73	\$49,795.20	87%
EEOC Investigation	Employment-Discrimination/Disabilities Law	\$32,196.75	\$45,100.00	71%
EUROLUX design mark (IC 039) (CTM)	Intellectual Property - Trademark	\$36,200.00	\$36,000.00	101%
EUROLUX design mark (IC 039) (US)	Intellectual Property - Trademark	\$19,120.00	\$20,900.00	91%
<u>Flat Fee matter</u>	International Law	\$8,010.00	\$8,100.00	99%
FTC Investigation	Antitrust/Unfair Competition	\$59,825.50	\$67,101.00	89%
Kira Kim - Green card application	Immigration & Naturalization	\$1,940.50	\$10,000.00	19%
LOOK UP! word mark (IC 016) (US)	Intellectual Property - Trademark	\$23,250.00	\$29,000.00	80%
Marcus Hanes- O2 visa application	Immigration & Naturalization		\$5,000.00	0%



### MONITOR AGGREGATE LAW DEPARTMENT BUDGET & SPENDING

#### **Budget to Actual Report**



#### HOT WASHING: CAPTURE & APPLY LESSONS LEARNED

- <u>Substantive</u>: What can we do to ensure we don't end up here again (e.g., product changes, warnings, service issues)
- <u>Procedural</u>: What did we learn from the process (internally or from outside counsel)? What can we do better next time? What work product can we re-use?

What Went Well ("W3")	Take A Look At ("TALA")



# EVALUATE OUTSIDE COUNSEL PERFORMANCE

Matter Profile	Status	& Notes	Events & Diary	Budget	Invoices	Documen	ts Particip	pants	
New Evaluati	ion								
		« indica	ites a required fiel	d					
Evaluation Date	e: «	04/19/20	)10		?				
Firm:		Shriber H	Handy						
Attorney: «		Greg Lav	vyer		🔓 Sele	ect ?			
			Unacceptable 1	Mediocre 2	Good 3	Very Good 4	Excellent 5	N/A	
Understood Clie e.g., business			ves	0	•	0	0	0	?
Expertise: « e.g., knowledge	e and ex	opertise a	⊚ bout issues, subs	© stantive law	•	0	0	0	?
Efficiency: « e.g., staffing ar	nd time	spent, ov	erall fees	0	0	0	0	0	?
Responsivenes e.g., to deadline		nt policie:	s, communication	0	0	0	0	0	?
Predictive Accu			⊚ and predicted res	<ul><li>ults</li></ul>	•	0	0	0	?
Effectiveness: e.g., strategy, e		n, results	0	•	0	0	0	0	?
Internal Comments:  We hired Greg for his expertise, but he allowed his younger associates to do most of the heavy lifting with very little supervision. Much of the drafting and agreements needed to be overhauled by Greg, which doubled our fees. It was difficult to reach him during the transaction. Poor client service.									
Good value; would you use this attorney/firm again?: « ○ Yes ◎ No ②									

#### TRACK SUBJECTIVE PERFORMANCE

**Outside Counsel Evaluations Detail with No Grouping** 





### TRACK <u>OBJECTIVE</u> PERFORMANCE

<b>∨</b> REPORT I	RESULTS
Name:	Spending to Budget run by Jeff Casemanager on 01/09/2013 at 11:04 AM Pacific Time
Field Criteria:	[Actual Spending: Status: Approved - Paid In Full, Approved - Modified, Unapproved] [Budget: Law Firm Matter Budget] [Act
Report Filters:	[Matter: Open/Closed: Open] [Budget Summary > Budget: Allocated by Date > Budget: Allocated Total: greater than \$0
Description/ Print Comment:	Provides a comparison between actual spending and corresponding budget data and calculates the respective percentage

± Lead Firm > Firm: Short Name					
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+ Shriber & Handy (10)					
		\$336,879.00	\$465,600.00	72%	\$31,631.50
+ Coleridge & Keats (4)					
		\$172,497.77	\$213,406.60	81%	\$23,030.43
+ Honeychurch Emerson (6)					
		\$302,712.55	\$390,600.00	77%	\$28,543.55
+ Harper & McCord (2)					
		\$75,106.08	\$96,200.00	78%	\$2,634.33
± Jotto & Sendak (1)					
		\$59,825.50	\$67,101.00	89%	\$3,100.00
Simpson & McCrea (1)					
		\$41,275.00	\$49,100.00	84%	\$1,800.00
Baxter & Phillips (1)					
		\$79,712.40	\$141,000.00	57%	<b>\$1</b> 9,656.80



### ASSESSING YOUR LEGAL LANDSCAPE: BEGIN BY GETTING IT ALL IN ONE PLACE





#### GROWING ADOPTION OF CLIENT-CENTRIC MATTER MANAGEMENT

 Client-centric technologies are replacing the patchwork of law firm extranets.

	2000	Current	Change
Use of law firm extranets	21%	13.5%	Decreased by 36%
Adoption of Internet- based systems to manage legal work	10.8%	41.6%	Increased by 285%
Adoption of e-billing	1.1%	34.8%	Increased by 3064%

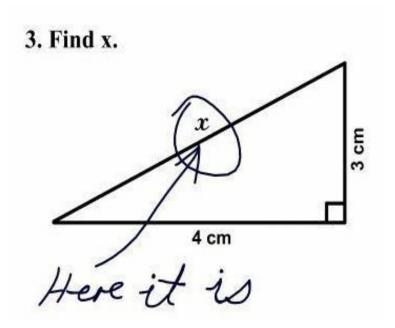


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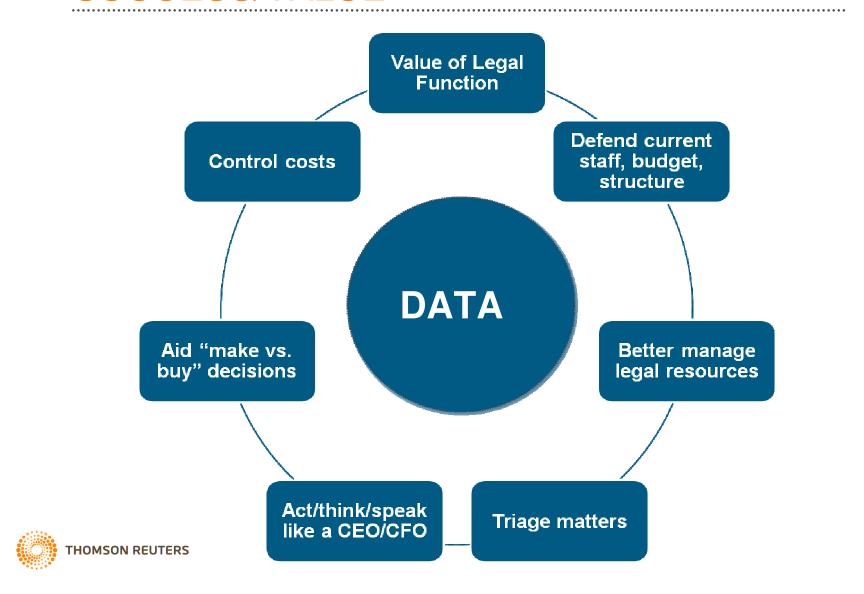


#### NUMBERS AND LAWYERS – LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF BUSINESS



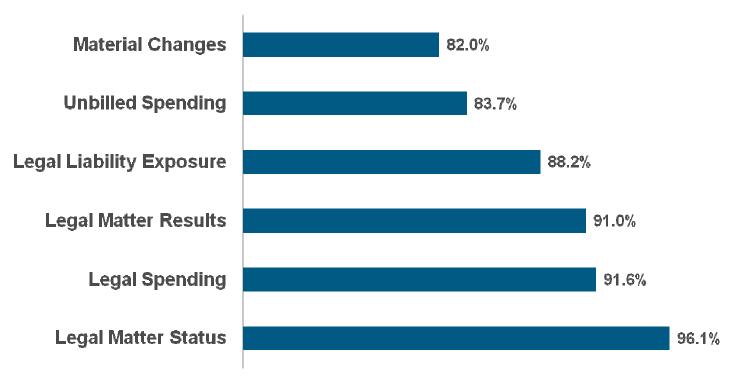


### USING DATA TO QUANTIFY SUCCESS/VALUE



#### WHAT'S BEING MEASURED & REPORTED?

#### **Most Common Reports**







# MULTIPLE DATA POINTS BUILD ACCURATE ASSESSMENTS

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Total\$/\$M Sales	.19%	.16%	.21%
Active Litigation	12	-2	14
New Litigation	1	8	17
Closed Litigation	0	8	15
Cycle Time	N/A	199 Days	357 Days
Litigation Spend	\$367,960	\$2,960,967	\$3,642,612
Litigation \$/\$M Sales	.10%	.10%	.08%
Settlement \$	N/A	\$1,602,715	\$278,936
Patents	970	+31	939
Trademarks	272	-17	289
IP Spending	\$176,135	\$1,358,005	\$1,467,726
IP\$/\$M Sales	.05%	.04%	.03%
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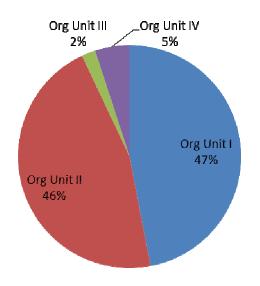


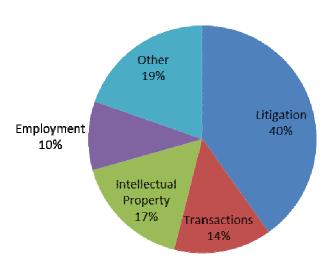
#### DESCRIBING THE LEGAL PORTFOLIO

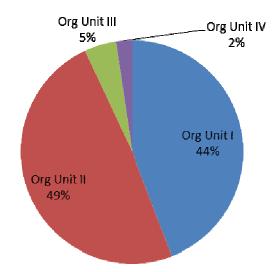
### Total Portfolio by Org Unit

### Total Portfolio by Matter Type







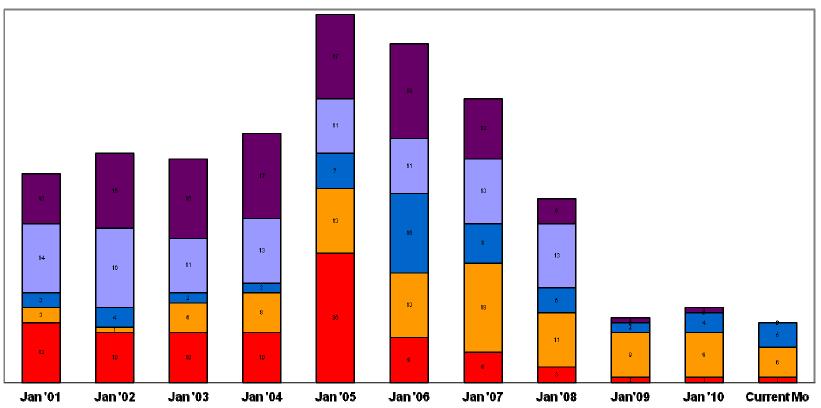




### UNCOVERING THE PRIMARY DRIVERS OF LITIGATION

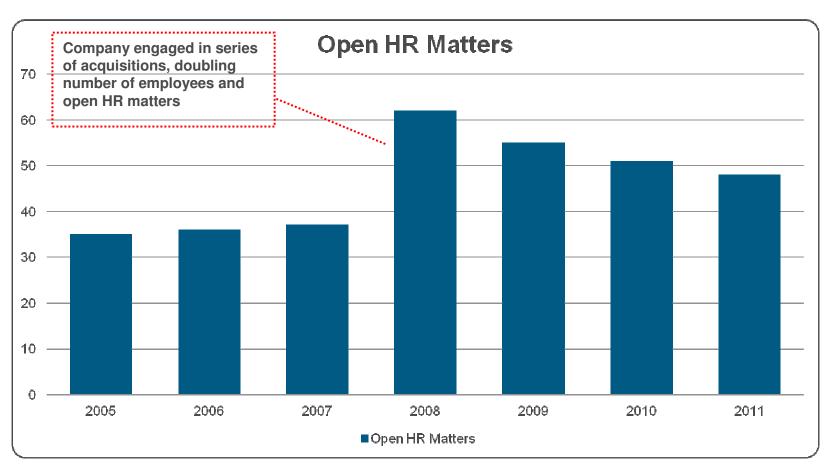
#### **Litigation Trends**







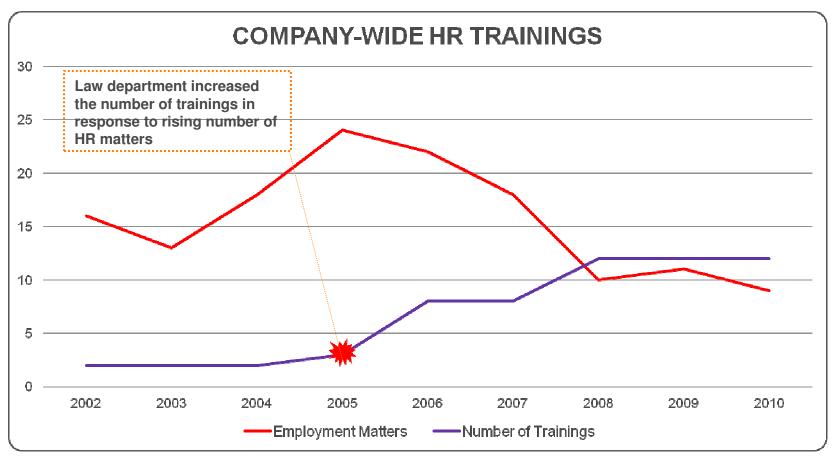
### OTHER FACTORS CAUSING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LEGAL WORK





### SAVINGS FROM PRACTICING PREVENTIVE LAW

Show the impact of trainings provided by legal department





# MOVE TO DATA-DRIVEN LEGAL DECISIONS



Sales revenue: \$\$\$\$ = Untouchable



Sales revenue: \$\$\$\$\$

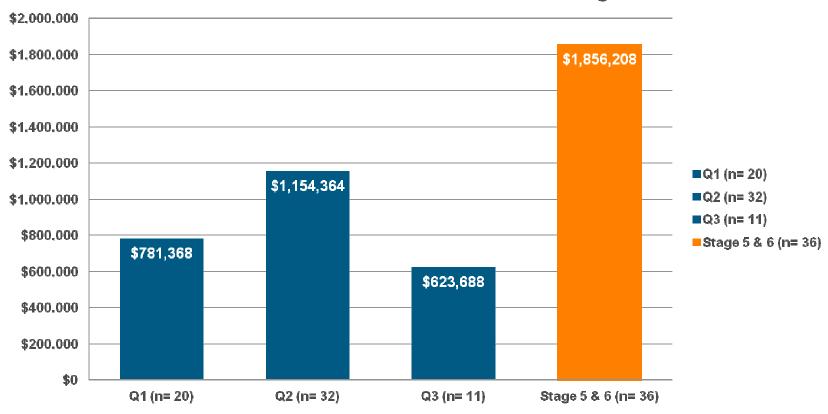
subtract
-internal LD resources \$\$\$
-outside counsel costs\$\$\$)=

Employee termination/ improvement plan



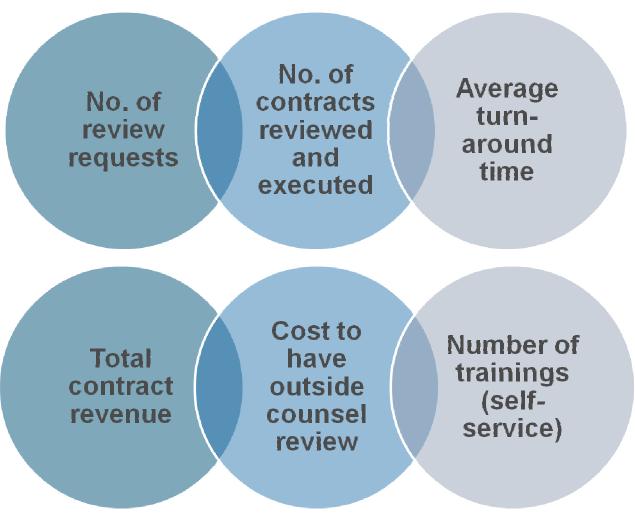
## QUANTIFY ROLE OF DEPARTMENT IN GENERATING & PROTECTING REVENUE

#### 2012 Contracts Closed & Pending





### DEMONSTRATING TRANSACTIONAL EFFICIENCY





## EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF RATE REQUESTS FROM FIRMS

#### Timekeeper Rate Review

Rate Analysis —									
Timekeepers (with missing Timekeepers)   Change View Refresh Analysis Data									
	TIMEKEEPER DATA			PROPOSED RATE				RATE ANALYSIS	
	Timekeeper	Metro Area Matter Type - Classification - Years Of Experience	Current Rate	Base -	Discount =	Effective Index	%ile	% Change	Fees Next Yr Fees Last Yr
	Honeychurch Emerson Timekeeper Count: 4								\$81,465.00 (+16%)
	rimekeeper Count. 4								\$70,522.50
■change	Jen Smith	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton WA CMSA		\$150.00 -	0.00% =	\$150.00	35	-	
		Legal Assistant - 3				-			\$0.00
save	Lucy Lawyer	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton WA CMSA	\$200.00	\$250.00 -	0.00% =	\$250.00	60	+25%	\$39,850.00
■ cancel						\$ 250			
		Other Filings - Associate - 2							\$31,880.00
■change	Michelle Honeychurch	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton WA CMSA	\$325.00	\$350.00 -	0.00% =	\$350.00	55	+8%	\$36,365.00
		Other Filings - Partner - 3				-			\$33,767.50
<b>■</b> change	Tim Emerson	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton WA CMSA	\$325.00	\$350.00 -	0.00% =	\$350.00	100	+8%	\$5,250.00
		Other Filings - Of Counsel - 4							\$4,875.00



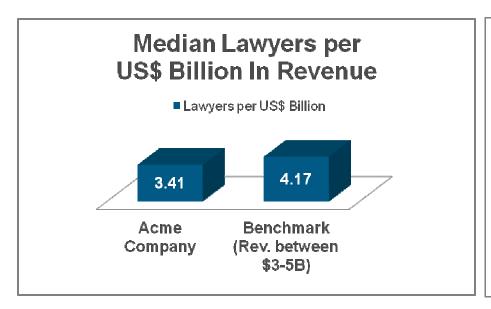
# CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE FEE OPPORTUNITIES

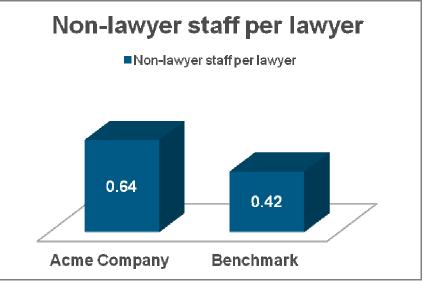
■ Matter > Organizational Unit > Org. Unit (w/ path)  ■ Matter > Matter Type > Matter Type (w/o path)							
Matter Name A	Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Date Posted	Total Billed	Fees Billed	Expenses Billed	Tax Billed
matter name	IIIVOICE HUITIDEI	Lead Outside Counsel	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
TOTAL ITEMS (70)		<u> </u>	<u>прриотов</u>	пристои	проточе	<u>ripprovou</u>	прриотов
TOTAL ITEMS (78)							
				\$288,836.62	\$278,591.20	\$7,241.41	\$3,004.00
				\$284,528.25	\$275,741.53	\$5,809.80	\$2,976.92
Acme Holdings > 2. Acme Airlines > a. Domestic (13)							
				\$32,119.75	\$31,183.00	\$936.75	
				\$31,271.25	\$30,472.00	\$799.25	
L Distriction (AO)				<b>401,271,20</b>	400,112.00	4.00.20	
± Litigation (10)							
				\$22,444.75	\$21,508.00	\$936.75	
				\$21,596.25	\$20,797.00	\$799.25	
+ Regulatory (3)							
				\$9,675.00	\$9,675.00	\$0.00	
				\$9,675.00	\$9,675.00	\$0.00	
				40,070,00	40,010,00	<b>\$0100</b>	
☐ Acme Holdings > Subsidiary: EuroLux (18)							
				\$79,645.47	\$75,335.20	\$1,306.26	\$3,004.00
				\$77,717.27	\$73,651.20	\$1,089.15	\$2,976.92
± Transaction (13)							
				\$57,321.47	\$53,031.20	\$1,286.26	\$3,004.00
				\$57,087.27	\$53,031.20	\$1,079.15	\$2,976.92
THE Pro-1-4				\$0.,0071E1	\$55,50 HZ0	<b>\$1,070110</b>	<b>\$2,070,02</b>
± TM Registration (5)							
				\$22,324.00	\$22,304.00	\$20.00	
				\$20,630.00	\$20,620.00	\$10.00	



# USE BENCHMARKS TO COMPARE YOUR OPERATIONS TO PEERS

• Example: number of attorneys and staff compared with similarly situated companies



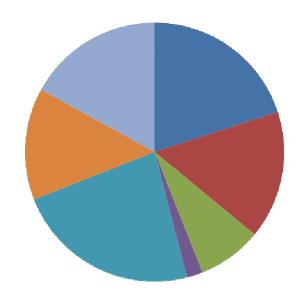




# EXAMPLE: BENCHMARKS FOR DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS

### Our Company Claim Types

Claim Type	Company	EEOC Data
Race		21.6%
Gender		17.5%
Nat'l Origin		6.8%
Religion		2.3%
Retaliation		21.8%
Age		14.0%
Disability		15.2%



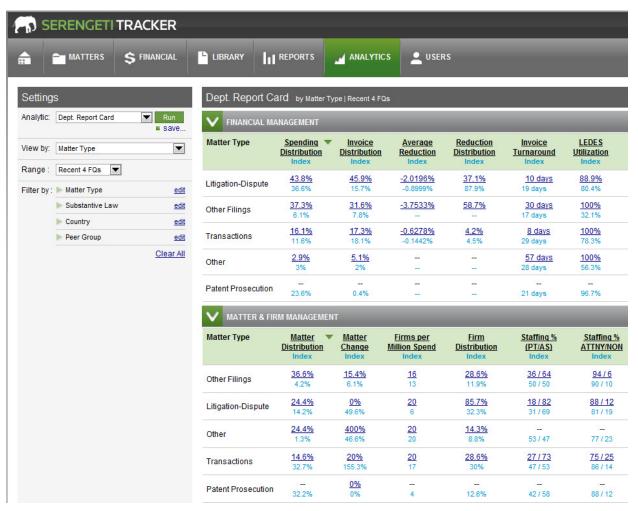


### APPLYING EXTERNAL BENCHMARKS

Benchmarks for Companies N=530	25% Quartile	Median	Mean	Trimmed Mean	75% Quartile
Total Legal Spending % of Revenue	0.19%	0.39%	1.12%	0.70%	0.83%
Revenue \$ per Total Legal Spending	\$121.12	\$261.98	\$727.48	\$457.68	\$533.33
Lawyers per \$B Revenue	2.63	5.57	26.59	11.67	13.27
Legal Staff per \$B Revenue	4.51	9.49	76.11	20.71	22.82
Lawyers per Legal Staff	0.50	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.73
Lawyers % of Legal Staff	50.00%	60.00%	60.39%	60.56%	72.97%
Lawyers per Paralegal	2.00	3.00	4.02	3.61	4.69
Lawyers per non-Paralegal	0.60	0.75	0.74	0.75	0.94
Revenue per Lawyer	\$75,357,142	\$179,500,000	\$403,700,999	\$286,331,049	\$380,000,000
Revenue per Legal Staff	\$43,824,248	\$105,371,756	\$225,947,822	\$161,985,381	\$221,576,050
Internal Spending per Lawyer	\$180,000	\$277,806	\$334,874	\$310,321	\$432,234
Internal Spending per Legal Staff	\$108,333	\$155,950	\$189,898	\$170,571	\$224,766
External Spending per Lawyer	\$138,933	\$367,105	\$1,194,369	\$553,045	\$773,993
External Spending per Legal Staff	\$77,777	\$193,308	\$625,654	\$302,245	\$414,898
Total Legal Spending per Lawyer	\$335,000	\$666,666	\$1,512,243	\$869,511	\$1,164,285
Total Legal Spending per Legal Staff	\$200,000	\$375,000	\$806,420	\$472,586	\$627,272
Internal Spending % of Total Legal Spending	29.75%	44.44%	46.50%	46.31%	62.68%
Internal to External Spending Ratio	30/70	44/56	47/53	46/54	63/37
Internal Spending % of Revenue	0.08%	0.15%	0.51%	0.28%	0.33%
Revenue \$ per Internal Spending	\$308.23	\$667.78	\$1517	\$1107	\$1333
External Spending % of Revenue	0.09%	0.20%	0.64%	0.39%	0.46%
Revenue \$ per External Spending	\$221.46	\$500.00	\$1912	\$1194	\$1203
External Spending % of Total Legal Spending	39.07%	56.71%	54.92%	55.04%	71.70%
Cost per Lawyer Hour	\$100.00	\$154.34	\$186.04	\$172.40	\$240.13
Cost per Legal Staff Hour	\$63.73	\$91.74	\$111.71	\$100.34	\$132.22



## AUTOMATED BENCHMARKING REPORT CARD





### TODAY'S GOALS

- Managing the work of your legal department like a business unit
  - Introduce effective project management techniques
    - Define scope, select the best team, create a plan
    - Require fiscal discipline
    - Assess progress regularly, adjust the plan/budget
    - Assess overall performance, capture lessons learned
  - Use metrics & benchmarks to quantify your progress & value
- Best practices to introduce and implement change to your legal department



### CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- Assess your history, readiness and capacity to change.
- Start at the top; enlist executive advocates for support and direction.
- Generate a data-driven business case.
- •Select a vendor with a proven track record; talk with other law department customers.
- Communicate the message. Communicate the message.
- •Expect the unexpected.





### QUESTIONS?

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