

Hours Expended by Attorneys, Paralegals and Expert Witnesses to Complete Litigation Tasks by Case Type

Professional Malpractice Cases

Percentile	Senior Attorney			Junior Attorney			Paralegal		
	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th
Case Initiation	7.5	15.0	25.0	5.0	15.0	25.0	3.0	10.0	20.0
Discovery	25.0	50.0	80.0	20.0	40.0	70.0	14.0	30.0	50.0
Settlement	10.0	12.0	20.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	2.0	5.0	10.0
Pre-trial	10.0	15.0	24.0	10.0	25.0	40.0	4.0	10.0	12.4
Trial	60.0	100.0	150.0	40.0	60.0	105.0	25.0	40.0	75.0
Post-disposition	5.0	10.0	25.0	8.0	15.0	30.0	2.0	10.0	10.0
Subtotal of Time	117.5	202.0	324.0	88.0	165.0	285.0	50.0	105.0	177.4
Prevailing Hourly Rates x	\$185	\$250	\$363	\$150	\$175	\$250	\$75	\$93	\$110
Billable Costs	\$21,738	\$50,500	\$117,612	\$13,200	\$28,875	\$71,250	\$3,750	\$9,765	\$19,512

Expert Witnesses			
Percentile	25 th	50 th	75 th
Number	2	3	4
Prevailing Fees x	\$7,500	\$11,000	\$30,000
Billable Costs	\$15,000	\$33,000	\$120,000

Based on: 137 experienced attorneys

Employment Dispute Cases

Percentile	Senior Attorney			Junior Attorney			Paralegal		
	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th
Case Initiation	5.0	15.0	25.0	9.0	15.0	20.0	2.0	10.0	10.0
Discovery	15.0	30.0	46.5	15.5	35.0	57.5	10.0	15.0	25.0
Settlement	9.0	12.0	20.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	2.0	4.0	5.0
Pre-trial	10.0	20.0	30.0	15.0	25.0	49.0	3.5	10.0	14.5
Trial	40.0	65.0	120.0	27.5	50.0	80.0	16.0	30.0	47.5
Post-disposition	5.0	10.0	20.0	8.5	12.0	25.0	2.0	6.0	10.0
Subtotal of Time	84.0	152.0	261.5	81.5	147.0	251.5	35.5	75.0	112.0
Prevailing Hourly Rates x	\$200	\$300	\$425	\$158	\$195	\$250	\$90	\$110	\$150
Billable Costs	\$16,800	\$45,600	\$111,138	\$12,877	\$28,665	\$62,875	\$3,195	\$8,250	\$16,800

Expert Witnesses			
Percentile	25 th	50 th	75 th
Number	1	1	2
Prevailing Fees x	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Billable Costs	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$20,000

Based on: 57 experienced attorneys

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Premises Liability Cases

Percentile	Senior Attorney			Junior Attorney			Paralegal		
	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th
Case Initiation	3.0	5.0	10.0	3.0	7.5	15.0	2.0	5.0	10.0
Discovery	6.0	12.0	25.0	10.0	20.0	30.0	5.0	10.0	20.0
Settlement	5.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	7.0	10.0	1.0	3.0	5.0
Pre-trial	5.0	10.0	15.0	6.0	15.0	20.0	2.0	5.0	10.0
Trial	30.0	40.0	60.0	20.0	30.0	50.0	10.0	20.0	40.0
Post-disposition	3.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	14.0	1.0	3.0	10.0
Subtotal of Time	52.0	82.0	130.0	47.0	89.5	139.0	21.0	46.0	95.0
Prevailing Hourly Rates x	\$200	\$275	\$600	\$150	\$188	\$350	\$ 80	\$100	\$125
Billable Costs	\$10,400	\$22,550	\$78,000	\$ 7,050	\$16,826	\$48,650	\$ 1,680	\$ 4,600	\$11,875

Percentile	Expert Witnesses		
	25 th	50 th	75 th
Number	1	2	2
Prevailing Fees x	\$ 3,000	\$5,000	\$8,000
Billable Costs	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$16,000

Based on: 147 experienced attorneys

Real Property Dispute Cases

Percentile	Senior Attorney			Junior Attorney			Paralegal		
	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th
Case Initiation	5.0	10.0	15.0	8.0	15.0	20.0	4.5	10.0	15.0
Discovery	10.0	20.0	30.0	20.0	30.0	55.0	5.0	12.5	20.0
Settlement	8.0	10.0	15.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	2.0	4.0	6.0
Pre-trial	5.0	12.0	25.0	15.0	20.0	40.0	4.0	10.0	12.5
Trial	25.0	40.0	65.0	20.0	35.0	60.0	10.0	20.0	30.0
Post-disposition	5.0	10.0	20.0	6.5	10.0	29.0	4.0	5.0	20.0
Subtotal of Time	58.0	102.0	170.0	74.5	120.0	219.0	29.5	61.5	103.5
Prevailing Hourly Rates x	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$169	\$200	\$256	\$ 85	\$110	\$130
Billable Costs	\$11,600	\$30,600	\$68,000	\$12,591	\$24,000	\$56,064	\$ 2,508	\$ 6,765	\$13,455

Percentile	Expert Witnesses		
	25 th	50 th	75 th
Number	1	1	2
Prevailing Fees x	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$10,000
Billable Costs	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$20,000

Based on: 54 experienced attorneys

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Contract Dispute Cases

Percentile	Senior Attorney			Junior Attorney			Paralegal		
	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	25 th	50 th	75 th
Case Initiation	5.0	10.0	20.0	7.5	15.0	30.0	3.0	10.0	20.0
Discovery	15.0	27.5	40.0	20.0	40.0	70.0	9.5	20.0	37.5
Settlement	8.5	10.0	16.0	5.0	10.0	16.0	2.0	4.0	10.0
Pre-trial	7.0	20.0	25.0	15.5	20.0	39.0	3.0	10.0	15.0
Trial	40.0	62.5	100.0	20.0	47.5	75.0	11.5	32.5	50.0
Post-disposition	5.0	10.0	20.0	7.5	12.5	25.0	2.0	5.0	14.0
Subtotal of Time	80.5	140.0	221.0	75.5	145.0	255.0	31.0	81.5	146.5
Prevailing Hourly Rates x	\$200	\$290	\$400	\$150	\$185	\$250	\$ 80	\$100	\$125
Billable Costs	\$16,100	\$40,600	\$88,400	\$11,325	\$26,825	\$63,750	\$ 2,480	\$ 8,150	\$18,313

Percentile	Expert Witnesses		
	25 th	50 th	75 th
Number	1	2	2
Prevailing Fees x	\$ 4,625	\$ 7,500	\$20,000
Billable Costs	\$ 4,625	\$15,000	\$40,000

Based on: 88 experienced attorneys