

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

NEVADA COLLECTORS  
ASSOCIATION, a Nevada non-profit  
corporation,

Appellant,

v.

SANDY O'LAUGHLIN, in her  
official capacity as Commissioner of  
the State of Nevada Department of  
Business and Industry and Financial  
Institution Division; STATE OF  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
DIVISION; JUSTICE COURT OF  
LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP; DOE  
DEFENDANTS 1 through 20; and  
ROE ENTITY DEFENDANTS 1  
through 20,

Respondents.

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### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	220
1-3	225
3-5	225
6-10	300
11-15	288
16-20	325
21-25	550
26-30	550
31-35	500
36-40	363
41+	500

Colorado, Denver

Firm Size	1.8
Median Years in Practice	16.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.2
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	20.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	120
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	383
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	550

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	400



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	220
1-3	225
3-5	225
6-10	250
11-15	300
16-20	375
21-25	325
26-30	550
31-35	500
36-40	500
41+	400

Connecticut, New Haven

Firm Size	2.9
Median Years in Practice	20
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	89.1
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	25.1
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	79
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	477
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	725
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	400

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	205
1-3	250
3-5	283
6-10	400
11-15	410
16-20	550
21-25	625
26-30	617
31-35	600
36-40	350
41+	400

Connecticut, Hartford

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	96.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Employment Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	21.4
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	97
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	486
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	380
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	725
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	388
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	375

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	200
3-5	225
6-10	392
11-15	480
16-20	725
21-25	600
26-30	617
31-35	650
36-40	565
41+	400

## Florida, Cape Coral

Firm Size	2.9
Median Years in Practice	15.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	87.1
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	19.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	97
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	407
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	290
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	463
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	450

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	350
1-3	275
3-5	300
6-10	325
11-15	400
16-20	500
21-25	450
26-30	475
31-35	450
36-40	700
41+	500

Florida, Jacksonville

Firm Size	3.2
Median Years in Practice	15.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	95.9
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Real Estate
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	19.4
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	106
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	445
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	525
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	438
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	438
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	438
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	438



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	250
3-5	282
6-10	350
11-15	438
16-20	520
21-25	500
26-30	583
31-35	519
36-40	700
41+	500

Florida, Miami - Fort Lauderdale

Firm Size	2.9
Median Years in Practice	15.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	95.9
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy, Real Estate
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	20.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	95
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	418
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	525
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	363

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	350
1-3	283
3-5	281
6-10	335
11-15	400
16-20	456
21-25	475
26-30	533
31-35	542
36-40	700
41+	500

Florida, Tallahassee

Firm Size	3.1
Median Years in Practice	17.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	70.6
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	15.7
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	114
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	411
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	399
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	388
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	525
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	525
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	413
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	525
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	325
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	400

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	210
1-3	250
3-5	260
6-10	325
11-15	438
16-20	425
21-25	409
26-30	575
31-35	610
36-40	700
41+	500

Florida, Tampa

Firm Size	2.8
Median Years in Practice	16.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	80.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	17.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	101
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	409
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	363
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	388

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	250
3-5	258
6-10	350
11-15	392
16-20	456
21-25	455
6-30	519
31-35	590
36-40	700
41+	500

Florida, Orlando

Firm Size	3.0
Median Years in Practice	12.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	95.4
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Real Estate
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	17.3
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	103
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	406
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	263
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	388
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	438
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	388



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	250
3-5	258
6-10	350
11-15	400
16-20	467
21-25	494
26-30	538
31-35	555
36-40	700
41+	500

Georgia, Atlanta

Firm Size	1.7
Median Years in Practice	21.2
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	86.5
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	17.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	89
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	349
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
5% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	338
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	338
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	338
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	325

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	290
3-5	325
6-10	313
11-15	513
16-20	300
21-25	317
26-30	275
31-35	350
36-40	375
41+	500

Georgia, Macon

Firm Size	2.0
Median Years in Practice	15.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	87.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	18.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.7
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	107
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	386
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	550
5% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	338
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	513
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	338
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	325

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	290
3-5	325
6-10	300
11-15	513
16-20	300
21-25	317
26-30	275
31-35	300
36-40	375
41+	500

Georgia, Savannah

Firm Size	2.1
Median Years in Practice	15.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	85.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	15.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	103
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	373
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	290
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
5% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	325

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	290
3-5	325
6-10	300
11-15	400
16-20	300
21-25	325
26-30	275
31-35	100
36-40	375
41+	500

## Hawaii, Honolulu

Firm Size	1.2
Median Years in Practice	16.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	58.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	22.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	50
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	358
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	290
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	550

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	350



## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	263
3-5	275
6-10	300
11-15	300
16-20	300
21-25	550
26-30	450
31-35	450
36-40	413
41+	350

Illinois, Chicago

Firm Size	3.67
Median Years in Practice	15.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	93.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	11.9
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	113
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	456
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	388
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	510
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	475

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	300
3-5	305
6-10	429
11-15	447
16-20	525
21-25	515
26-30	563
31-35	300
36-40	575
41+	650

## Illinois, Springfield

Firm Size	3.75
Median Years in Practice	14.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	98.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Securities Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	11.1
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.25
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	143
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	486
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	463
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	650
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	388-
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	425

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	275
3-5	300
6-10	325
11-15	475
16-20	463
21-25	475
26-30	600
31-35	600
36-40	700
41+	650

### Illinois, St Louis Metro East

Firm Size	3.85
Median Years in Practice	19.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	98.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	11.1
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	4.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	145
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	520
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	625
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	463

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	185
1-3	225
3-5	275
6-10	450
11-15	494
16-20	513
21-25	500
26-30	563
31-35	600
36-40	700
41+	550

## Indiana, Fort Wayne

Firm Size	2.9
Median Years in Practice	28.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.9
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	13.3
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	122
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	498
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	463
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	563
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	613
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	563



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	245
1-3	275
3-5	310
6-10	313
11-15	450
16-20	450
21-25	350
26-30	600
31-35	600
36-40	550
41+	300

## Indiana, Gary - Hammond

Firm Size	2.8
Median Years in Practice	28.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	97.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	12.5
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.6
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	129
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	502
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
5% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	563
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	525
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	613
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	525
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	563

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	275
3-5	310
6-10	313
11-15	450
16-20	450
21-25	350
26-30	600
31-35	600
36-40	550
41+	300

## Indiana, Indianapolis

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	28.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	94.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Personal Injury
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	12.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	73
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
5% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	488
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	563

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	275
3-5	310
6-10	313
11-15	450
16-20	450
21-25	350
26-30	525
31-35	600
36-40	550
41+	560

Indiana, South Bend - Elkhart - Mishawaka

Firm Size	2.4
Median Years in Practice	28.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	95.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Personal Injury
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	12.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	111
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	485
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	463
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	563

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	255
1-3	275
3-5	310
6-10	313
11-15	450
16-20	450
21-25	350
26-30	563
31-35	600
36-40	550
41+	560

## Iowa, Des Moines

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	23.7
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	53.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy, Workers Comp
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	18.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	115
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	373
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	333
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	275
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	450



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	170
1-3	190
3-5	200
6-10	225
11-15	500
16-20	245
21-25	275
26-30	250
31-35	270
36-40	280
41+	265

Iowa, Dubuque

Firm Size	2.0
Median Years in Practice	24.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	50.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	16.8
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	104
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	315
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	240
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	275
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	325

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	170
1-3	190
3-5	200
6-10	240
11-15	500
16-20	245
21-25	288
26-30	250
31-35	250
36-40	280
41+	265

Kansas, Kansas City

Firm Size	3.2
Median Years in Practice	5.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	96.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	10.7
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.2
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	130
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	315
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	200
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	325
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	350

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	300
1-3	250
3-5	306
6-10	725
11-15	425
16-20	400
21-25	450
26-30	400
31-35	420
36-40	400
41+	500

# Kansas, Wichita

Firm Size	3.0
Median Years in Practice	16.8
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	96.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	9.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.4
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	148
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	485
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	575
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	350

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	190
1-3	225
3-5	350
6-10	725
11-15	425
16-20	400
21-25	450
26-30	450
31-35	475
36-40	410
41+	500

# Kentucky, Lexington

Firm Size	2.5
Median Years in Practice	12.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.5
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	12.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.75
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	110
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	200
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	200
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	275
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	200
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	200
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	175
3-5	200
6-10	245
11-15	300
16-20	322
21-25	350
26-30	425
31-35	600
36-40	500
41+	495

## Kentucky, Louisville

Firm Size	2.25
Median Years in Practice	31.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	85.5
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	24.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	98
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	225
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	368
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	225
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	225
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	325
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	205
3-5	255
6-10	295
11-15	350
16-20	362
21-25	380
26-30	410
31-35	413
36-40	400
41+	300

Louisiana, Shreveport

Firm Size	2.0
Median Years in Practice	10.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	76.7
Primary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Secondary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	16.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.7
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	120
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	433
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	380
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	400
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	400

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	170
1-3	175
3-5	220
6-10	400
11-15	350
16-20	350
21-25	385
26-30	405
31-35	425
36-40	490
41+	500

## Maryland, Baltimore

Firm Size	2.5
Median Years in Practice	16.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	61.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	12.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	113
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	420
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	525
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	613

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	275
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	450

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	225
3-5	225
6-10	375
11-15	513
16-20	450
21-25	550
26-30	388
31-35	500
36-40	400
41+	425

Massachusetts, Boston - Cambridge

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	27.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	80.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	15.8
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.3
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	97
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	463
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	663
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	625
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	500



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	245
3-5	263
6-10	250
11-15	400
16-20	410
21-25	363
26-30	575
31-35	600
36-40	525
41+	500

## Massachusetts, Springfield

Firm Size	2.8
Median Years in Practice	32.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	81.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	13.8
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	136
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	538
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	625
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	675
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	500
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	550
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	245
3-5	263
6-10	225
11-15	675
16-20	410
21-25	350
26-30	663
31-35	600
36-40	625
41+	500

Michigan, Detroit

Firm Size	2.9
Median Years in Practice	13.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	21.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	89
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	342
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	238
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	263
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	683
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	338
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	225

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	231
3-5	263
6-10	263
11-15	444
16-20	350
21-25	325
26-30	445
31-35	475
36-40	500
41+	225

## Michigan, Grand Rapids

Firm Size	2.5
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	82.6
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy, Real Estate
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	20.5
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	85
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	368
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	225
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	525
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	513
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	325
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	350

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	200
3-5	275
6-10	306
11-15	492
16-20	319
21-25	425
26-30	450
31-35	400
36-40	458
41+	225

Michigan, Lansing

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	24.7
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	85
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	379
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	275
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	513
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	363
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	225



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	275
3-5	275
6-10	350
11-15	444
16-20	319
21-25	400
26-30	450
31-35	475
36-40	458
41+	225

## Michigan, Marquette

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	96.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	27.4
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	72
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	403
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	275
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	375

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	275
3-5	275
6-10	350
11-15	444
16-20	319
21-25	400
26-30	450
31-35	475
36-40	458
41+	225

Minnesota, Minneapolis - St Paul

Firm Size	2.4
Median Years in Practice	12.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.5
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	9.8
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	98
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	406
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	650

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	675
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	525
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	338
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	350

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	255
3-5	325
6-10	338
11-15	438
16-20	300
21-25	390
26-30	425
31-35	450
36-40	595
41+	500

Mississippi, Jackson

Firm Size	1.3
Median Years in Practice	21.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	83.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	20.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	125
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	367
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	388
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	475

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	200
3-5	265
6-10	325
11-15	350
16-20	378
21-25	363
26-30	395
31-35	420
36-40	400
41+	315

Missouri, Columbia

Firm Size	3.2
Median Years in Practice	13.6
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	96.6
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	16.7
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.1
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	132
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	436
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	359
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	525
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	325



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	170
1-3	210
3-5	350
6-10	425
11-15	350
16-20	410
21-25	425
26-30	450
31-35	466
36-40	450
41+	400

Missouri, Kansas City

Firm Size	3.2
Median Years in Practice	8.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	91.5
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	14.8
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.8
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	108
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	371
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	225
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	388
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	338
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	355
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	300

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	300
1-3	233
3-5	306
6-10	725
11-15	433
16-20	425
21-25	300
26-30	350
31-35	345
36-40	350
41+	310

## Missouri, Springfield

Firm Size	3.3
Median Years in Practice	11.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	84.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	14.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	107
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	362
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	200
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	300

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	300
1-3	233
3-5	306
6-10	725
11-15	363
16-20	438
21-25	300
26-30	350
31-35	345
36-40	350
41+	310

Missouri, St Louis

Firm Size	3.6
Median Years in Practice	8.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Personal Injury
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	21.3
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	111
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	377
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	200
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	338
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	325
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	300

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	300
1-3	250
3-5	306
6-10	425
11-15	400
16-20	400
21-25	345
26-30	405
31-35	425
36-40	385
41+	350

Nebraska, Lincoln

Firm Size	1.7
Median Years in Practice	24.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	73.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	9.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	125
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450

Median Rates for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	275
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	388
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	275
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	350



## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	225
3-5	275
6-10	300
11-15	450
16-20	325
21-25	325
26-30	350
31-35	500
36-40	550
41+	500

Nebraska, Omaha

Firm Size	1.7
Median Years in Practice	22.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	75.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	9.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	87
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	367
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	333
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	550

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	275
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	333
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	333
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	275
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	333
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	333

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	225
3-5	275
6-10	300
11-15	350
16-20	325
21-25	325
26-30	350
31-35	500
36-40	550
41+	500

Nevada, Las Vegas

Firm Size	4.8
Median Years in Practice	12.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	100.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	13.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	4.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	144
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	420
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	485
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	450

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	275
3-5	290
6-10	325
11-15	450
16-20	440
21-25	465
26-30	450
31-35	500
36-40	525
41+	500

Nevada, Reno - Carson City

Firm Size	4.8
Median Years in Practice	12.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	100.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	13.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	4.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	144
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	420
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	485
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	450

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	275
3-5	290
6-10	325
11-15	450
16-20	440
21-25	465
26-30	450
31-35	500
36-40	525
41+	500

# New Jersey, Newark

Firm Size	3.31
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	76.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy, Employment Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	6.8
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	105
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	494
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	588
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	363
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	588
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	363
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	425



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	178
1-3	225
3-5	363
6-10	350
11-15	350
16-20	358
21-25	425
26-30	725
31-35	700
36-40	600
41+	550

New Jersey, Trenton

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	22.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	88.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Employment Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	10.5
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.1
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	134
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	459
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	675
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	675
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	675
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	688
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	675

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	275
1-3	300
3-5	375
6-10	400
11-15	675
16-20	575
21-25	450
26-30	725
31-35	700
36-40	700
41+	650

## New Mexico, Albuquerque - Santa Fe

Firm Size	2.0
Median Years in Practice	30.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	70.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	40.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	93
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	220
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	288
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	288
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	250

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	150
1-3	150
3-5	163
6-10	210
11-15	200
16-20	250
21-25	275
26-30	275
31-35	280
36-40	300
41+	325

New York, Albany - Schenectady

Firm Size	2.1
Median Years in Practice	15.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	82.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Employment Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	13.9
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.1
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	136
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	509
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	538
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	688
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	425
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	663

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	245
1-3	300
3-5	300
6-10	375
11-15	420
16-20	700
21-25	550
26-30	725
31-35	663
36-40	638
41+	375

## New York, Buffalo

Firm Size	3.4
Median Years in Practice	27.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	71.1
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy, Employment Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	8.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.1
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	110
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	545
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	200
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	700
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	200
3-5	200
6-10	265
11-15	350
16-20	675
21-25	500
26-30	725
31-35	475
36-40	713
41+	550

New York, New York City

Firm Size	2.7
Median Years in Practice	19.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	86.1
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	16.1
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.8
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	108
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	490
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	575
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	413
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	588
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	425
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	413
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	300
1-3	300
3-5	300
6-10	338
11-15	413
16-20	567
21-25	583
26-30	725
31-35	544
36-40	638
41+	375

New York, Rochester

Firm Size	3.1
Median Years in Practice	27.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	72.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	13.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.7
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	89
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	505
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	475
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	550

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	185
1-3	200
3-5	200
6-10	350
11-15	405
16-20	550
21-25	575
26-30	725
31-35	475
36-40	642
41+	500

New York, Syracuse

Firm Size	4.0
Median Years in Practice	24.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	91.2
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Employment Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	10.5
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.1
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	179
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	628
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	550
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	688
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	688
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	675
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	700
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	550
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	275
3-5	300
6-10	325
11-15	675
16-20	725
21-25	550
26-30	725
31-35	600
36-40	700
41+	700

## North Carolina, Charlotte

Firm Size	2.4
Median Years in Practice	19.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	56.7
Primary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Secondary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	22.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	83
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	322
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	650

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	263
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	263
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	275



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	225
3-5	225
6-10	292
11-15	363
16-20	300
21-25	275
26-30	267
31-35	300
36-40	343
41+	360

### North Carolina, Greensboro

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	13.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	55.8
Primary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Secondary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	20.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.7
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	82
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	290
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	240
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	488
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	275
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	275

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	180
1-3	225
3-5	225
6-10	275
11-15	381
16-20	263
21-25	275
26-30	250
31-35	280
36-40	275
41+	260

North Carolina, Raleigh

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	13.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	65.8
Primary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Secondary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	20.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.7
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	84
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	290
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	240
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	275
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	250

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	225
3-5	225
6-10	275
11-15	381
16-20	263
21-25	265
26-30	300
31-35	325
36-40	300
41+	300

# Ohio, Cincinnati

Firm Size	2.1
Median Years in Practice	22.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	90.2
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy, Domestic Relations
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	23.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	80
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	366
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	338
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	525

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	488
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	325

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	225
3-5	250
6-10	300
11-15	425
16-20	442
21-25	342
26-30	400
31-35	385
36-40	425
41+	365

# Ohio, Cleveland

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	22.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	93.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	19.7
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	89
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	416
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	650

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	312
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	488
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	475



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	250
3-5	250
6-10	300
11-15	442
16-20	417
21-25	400
26-30	418
31-35	450
36-40	467
41+	433

# Ohio, Columbus

Firm Size	2.9
Median Years in Practice	18.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	91.2
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	15.5
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	80
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	352
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	288
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	338
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	250

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	300
3-5	375
6-10	300
11-15	425
16-20	442
21-25	417
26-30	300
31-35	275
36-40	500
41+	650

## Ohio, Toledo

Firm Size	2.4
Median Years in Practice	21.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	86.4
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	19.7
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.1
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	93
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	421
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	433
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	650

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	312
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	483
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	475

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	250
3-5	250
6-10	300
11-15	475
16-20	475
21-25	425
26-30	433
31-35	450
36-40	450
41+	500

Oklahoma, Oklahoma City

Firm Size	1.7
Median Years in Practice	14.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	61.4
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	14.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	.3
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	100
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	247
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	225
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	250

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	250
3-5	275
6-10	310
11-15	342
16-20	250
21-25	300
26-30	383
31-35	375
36-40	375
41+	350

## Oklahoma, Tulsa

Firm Size	2.1
Median Years in Practice	16.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	61.4
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	8.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	.71
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	108
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	289
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	388
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	300



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	150
1-3	220
3-5	250
6-10	275
11-15	342
16-20	240
21-25	300
26-30	500
31-35	450
36-40	400
41+	410

## Oregon, Eugene

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	13.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	91.2
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	18.4
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	64
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	411
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	550
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	363
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	400

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	225
3-5	275
6-10	370
11-15	317
16-20	400
21-25	455
26-30	550
31-35	250
36-40	583
41+	500

## Oregon, Portland

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	13.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	91.2
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	18.4
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	64
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	411
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	550
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	363
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	400

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	225
1-3	225
3-5	275
6-10	370
11-15	317
16-20	400
21-25	455
26-30	550
31-35	250
36-40	583
41+	500

Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Firm Size	2.5
Median Years in Practice	19.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	16.9
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.1
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	112
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	444
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	388
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	625
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	325
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	625
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	363
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	425
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	475

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	245
3-5	260
6-10	395
11-15	411
16-20	400
21-25	550
26-30	725
31-35	556
36-40	467
41+	425

Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	90.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Other
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	13.9
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	128
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	487
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	588
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	185
1-3	240
3-5	250
6-10	335
11-15	425
16-20	505
21-25	530
26-30	588
31-35	600
36-40	550
41+	500

Pennsylvania, Scranton

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	90.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Other
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	13.9
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	128
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	487
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	450
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	588
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	450
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	500
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	185
1-3	240
3-5	250
6-10	335
11-15	425
16-20	505
21-25	530
26-30	588
31-35	600
36-40	550
41+	500

## Rhode Island, Providence

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	37.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	70.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	7.5
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	136
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	538
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	550
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	600
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	700
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	700
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	600

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	180
3-5	225
6-10	275
11-15	278
16-20	305
21-25	350
26-30	470
31-35	600
36-40	700
41+	500

Tennessee, Knoxville

Firm Size	2.0
Median Years in Practice	21.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	77.1
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	11.2
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.4
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	125
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	447
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	270
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
75% Median Rate for All Attorneys	600
95% Median Rate for All Attorneys	675

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	475
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	513
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	638
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	388
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	550
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	475

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	225
3-5	275
6-10	300
11-15	675
16-20	250
21-25	475
26-30	433
31-35	438
36-40	450
41+	375

## Tennessee, Memphis

Firm Size	1.9
Median Years in Practice	22.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	52.5
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	29.3
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	94
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	363
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	283
75% Median Rate for All Attorneys	600
95% Median Rate for All Attorneys	675

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	263
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	638
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	288
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	600
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	288
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	288



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	175
3-5	200
6-10	250
11-15	300
16-20	275
21-25	300
26-30	600
31-35	405
36-40	250
41+	250

## Tennessee, Nashville

Firm Size	2.0
Median Years in Practice	21.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	82.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	9.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	155
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	455
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	290
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	475
75% Median Rate for All Attorneys	610
95% Median Rate for All Attorneys	675

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	263
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	388
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	513
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	675
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	388
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	413
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	475

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	175
3-5	250
6-10	275
11-15	675
16-20	475
21-25	475
26-30	375
31-35	405
36-40	300
41+	250

Texas, Amarillo

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	14.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	15.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	92
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Rate for All Attorneys	475
95% Median Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	588

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	150
1-3	150
3-5	150
6-10	325
11-15	446
16-20	450
21-25	413
26-30	300
31-35	450
36-40	713
41+	650

Texas, Austin

Firm Size	2.0
Median Years in Practice	14.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	70.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	14.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	111
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	465
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	430
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	525
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	725

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	510
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	440
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	430
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	475

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	180
1-3	200
3-5	350
6-10	375
11-15	510
16-20	550
21-25	500
26-30	505
31-35	526
36-40	725
41+	725

Texas, Dallas – Fort Worth

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	12.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	19.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.1
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	80
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	382
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	388
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	400



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	205
3-5	225
6-10	350
11-15	433
16-20	400
21-25	367
26-30	300
31-35	500
36-40	700
41+	700

Texas, Houston

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	11.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	70.1
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	16.3
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	89
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	372
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	300
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	388
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	350

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	150
1-3	150
3-5	288
6-10	311
11-15	439
16-20	400
21-25	350
26-30	393
31-35	433
36-40	700
41+	725

Texas, San Antonio

Firm Size	2.6
Median Years in Practice	11.5
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	70.3
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	16.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	93
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	388
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	363
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	400

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	150
1-3	150
3-5	292
6-10	310
11-15	439
16-20	415
21-25	417
26-30	420
31-35	438
36-40	713
41+	550

Virginia, Richmond

Firm Size	2.3
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	80.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	General Practice
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	9.0
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.5
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	163
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	419
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	450
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	563
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	563
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	300
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	325

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	180
1-3	250
3-5	325
6-10	385
11-15	675
16-20	404
21-25	450
26-30	425
31-35	450
36-40	300
41+	350

## Virginia, Norfolk – Virginia Beach

Firm Size	3.1
Median Years in Practice	19.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	83.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	18.6
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	3.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	153
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	423
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	375
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
75% Median Rate for All Attorneys	440
95% Median Rate for All Attorneys	675

### Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	400
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	350
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	450



## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	175
1-3	250
3-5	270
6-10	325
11-15	675
16-20	404
21-25	450
26-30	425
31-35	450
36-40	450
41+	355

## Washington, Seattle - Tacoma

Firm Size	2.4
Median Years in Practice	22.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	75.8
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	22.5
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.9
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	78
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	383
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	338
75% Median Rate for All Attorneys	475
95% Median Rate for All Attorneys	700

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	575
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	488
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	538
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	275

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	200
3-5	260
6-10	325
11-15	513
16-20	500
21-25	500
26-30	250
31-35	300
36-40	475
41+	375

## Washington, Spokane

Firm Size	2.1
Median Years in Practice	11.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	91.4
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Other
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	16.3
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	98
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	429
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	250
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
75% Median Rate for All Attorneys	575
95% Median Rate for All Attorneys	700

## Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	250
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	525
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	363
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	688
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	375
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	250

## Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	225
3-5	288
6-10	325
11-15	513
16-20	500
21-25	500
26-30	250
31-35	300
36-40	700
41+	375

Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Firm Size	2.1
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	89.4
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Criminal Law, Securities
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	13.7
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	92
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	419
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	500
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	275
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	675
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	488
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	425
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	425
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	425

### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	250
3-5	325
6-10	325
11-15	388
16-20	475
21-25	350
26-30	425
31-35	425
36-40	700
41+	500

Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Firm Size	2.4
Median Years in Practice	25.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	92.7
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (Months)	11.1
Median Number of Paralegals in Firm	2.0
Average Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	103
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	437
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	350
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	425
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	490
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	700

Median Rate for Practice Areas

	Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	300
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	575
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	350
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	488
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	375
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	538
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	275



### Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	250
3-5	325
6-10	300
11-15	563
16-20	475
21-25	350
26-30	425
31-35	425
36-40	538
41+	500

## 5. Survey Techniques

Surveys are widely considered to be important tools in any evaluation process. There are fundamentally two types of surveys: open ended questioning and closed ended questioning.

Open ended questions allow the responder to respond in any manner at all with no definite answer. Close ended questions provide a limited number of possible answers from which a response can be chosen by the responder. Because open ended questions allow for an unlimited response, they can lead to a subjective analysis and the results are almost always more difficult to interpret and quantify for analysis.

Close ended questions, however, lend their responses to easy statistical analysis.

There are five types of close ended questions.

A Likert-scale question allows for responses on a scale and allows a responder to state their feelings about an issue, such as strongly agree to strongly disagree. Multiple choice questions allow the responder to select from a finite number of responses. Ordinal questions ask the responder to rate things in relation to each other, such as selecting the most important to the least important responses about an issue. Categorical questions first place the responder in a category and then poses questions based on those categories, such as preceding questions with the initial inquiry of whether the responder is male or female. Numerical questions are used when the answer must be a real number.

Different types of questions are used in survey work so that different types of results analyses may be conducted, but the most common survey techniques are the numerical and the multiple choice question because of the ease with which conclusions may be derived from the raw data.

This survey used numerical questions and two multiple choice questions. This allows for precise responses that can readily be cataloged and statistically interpreted.

## 6. Cases Employing Use of Prior Editions of this Survey Report

Since 1999, when the data in this Survey Report first began to be compiled, the Survey Report has undergone various revisions in both substance and data analysis. Each revision resulted in further refinement of both the data as gathered and the final Survey Report as published. As various Courts considered previously published Survey Reports in years past, refinements in data gathering, analysis, and reporting were made periodically to both achieve improvements and address judicial commentary and criticism.

This continued refinement resulted in a major revision in data gathering, analysis, and reporting that occurred with the publishing of the United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey for 2013-2014. That edition of the Survey Report added detailed reporting on specific geocentric data from 29 states and the District of Columbia and 46 greater metropolitan areas.

This new 2015-2016 edition of the Survey Report takes the analyses one step further by broadening the coverage to all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands along with 98 high-population greater metropolitan areas.

While Courts frequently look to an attorney's normal hourly rate in making fee determinations, Courts may also consider market rates in the attorney's community, either in the absence of a stated hourly rate for the fee applicant or in addition to it.

Reasonable hourly rates are to be determined on the basis of market rates for services rendered. An "attorney's actual billing rate for comparable work is 'presumptively appropriate' to use as the market rate." *People Who Care v. Rockford Bd. of Educ. Sch. Dist. No. 205*, 90 F.3d 1307, 1310 (7th Cir., 1996). If the attorney has no actual billing rate, "the court should look to the next best evidence – the rate charged by lawyers in the community of 'reasonably comparable skill, experience and reputation.'" *Id.* (quoting *Blum v. Stenson*, 465 U.S. 886, 892, 895 n. 11 (1984)); see also *Spegon v. The Catholic Bishop of Chi.*, 175 F.3d 544, 556 (7th Cir., 1999).

*Sierra Club v. Jackson*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 137217, \*5, 2013 WL 5409036 (W.D. Wis., Sept. 25, 2013)

Nevertheless,

"the attorney's actual billing rate for comparable work is presumptively appropriate to use as the market rate." 175 F.3d at 555 (quoting *People Who Care v. Rockford Bd. Of Educ. School Dist. No. 205*, 90 F.3d 1307, 1310 (7th Cir. 1996)). [\*\*10] Only if an attorney is unable to provide evidence of her actual billing rates should a district court look to other evidence, including "rates similar experienced attorneys in the community charge paying clients for similar work." 175 F.3d at 555. Therefore, SIU is correct in asserting that looking to the southern Illinois legal community's rate would have been appropriate, but only if the district court provided an adequate reason to use a rate other than the presumed market rate, i.e., the appellants' market rate.

However, just because the proffered rate is higher than the local rate does not mean that a district court may freely adjust that rate downward. When a [\*744] local attorney has market rates that are higher than the local average,"[a] judge who departs from this presumptive rate must have some reason other than the ability to identify a different average rate in the community." *Gusman*, 986 F.2d at 1151. Similarly, if an out-of-town attorney has a higher hourly rate than local practitioners, district courts should defer to the out-of-town attorney's rate when calculating the lodestar amount, though if "local attorneys could do as well, and there is no other [\*\*11] reason to have them performed by the former, then the judge, in his discretion, might allow only an hourly rate which local attorneys would have charged for the same service."

*Mathur v. Bd. of Trs. of S. Ill. Univ.*, 317 F.3d 738, 743-744, 2003 U.S. App. LEXIS 1055, \*9-11, 90 Fair Empl. Prac. Cas. (BNA) 1537, 84 Empl. Prac. Dec. (CCH) P41,400 (7th Cir. Ill., Jan. 24, 2003)

In looking at the market rates in the applicant's community, Courts frequently consider and use survey data in their decision-making involving fee disputes, finding it an economical and impartial means of determining contested fee issues.

When two metropolitan areas are near each other, their hourly rates may be found to be comparable. See, *Arana v. Monterey Fin. Servs.*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 46111, \*6, 2016 WL 1324269 (S.D. Cal., Apr. 5, 2016) ("Of all the hourly rate evidence submitted by the parties, the most relevant is the Consumer Fee Survey's data for first year Los Angeles, California consumer law attorneys. Of all the cities represented in the Consumer Fee Survey, Los Angeles is the one that's geographically closest to San Diego. The Court's independent research suggests that Los Angeles and San Diego rates are similar.....").

Some of the cases using the *U.S. Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report* when deciding attorney fee disputes in Consumer Law cases, include the following.

*In re Sears*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 124235, 2016 WL 4765679 (N.D. E.D., Ill., Sep. 13, 2016) (a class action case considering the Laffey Matrix, the National Law Journal Survey and the 2013-2014 U.S. Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey and using the median rate schedules for Chicago area survey data contained in the 2013-2014 Report in conjunction with both the Matrix and the NLJ survey).

*Reid v. Unilever United States, Inc.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 75383, \*50, 2015 WL 3653318 (N.D. Ill., June 10, 2015) (a class action case finding the Laffey Matrix rates to be supported by the Chicago area survey data contained in the 2010-2011 Report; "However, because the Matrix rate recommended here is supported by the Chicago-specific rates contained in the Report, the Court concludes that it is reasonable.").

*Crafton v. Law Firm of Jonathan B. Levine*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 29690, 2014 WL 907423 (E.D. Wis., Mar. 7, 2014) ("Several courts in this District have recognized the Fee Survey as a reliable resource in determining the reasonableness of an attorney's hourly rate, particularly in conjunction with consideration of counsel's experience. See *Moreland v. Dorsey Thornton & Assocs., LLC*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54487, 2011 WL 1980282, \*3 (E.D. Wis., May 20, 2011) (relying on counsel's website, which lists the attorney profiles, along with the United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey in determining that the requested hourly rate was reasonable); *House v. Shapiro & Price*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38322, 2011 WL 1219247 (E.D. Wis., Mar. 30, 2011) (same);

*Suleski v. Bryant Lafayette & Assocs.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 55353, 2010 WL 1904968 (E.D. Wis., May 10, 2010) (same).”)

*Davis v. Hollins Law*, 25 F.Supp.3d 1292, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81024, 2014 WL 2619651 (E.D. Cal., Jun. 12, 2014) (“Plaintiff also relies on the United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2010-2011 \* \* \* The court has reviewed the methodology underlying the Survey, and finds it credible.”).

*Decker v. Transworld Systems, Inc.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78987, 2009 WL 2916819, N.D., Ill., Sept. 01, 2009 (finding results in the 2007 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report to be supported by the Laffey Matrix).

*Beach v. LVNV Funding, LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 162926, 2013 WL 6048989 (E.D. Wis., Nov. 15, 2013) (“... several courts in this District have recognized the Fee Survey as a reliable resource in determining the reasonableness of an attorney's hourly rate, particularly in conjunction with consideration of counsel's experience.”).

*Dibish v. Ameriprise Fin. Servs.*, 2015 Pa. Dist. & Cnty. Dec. LEXIS 432, \*17-18 (Pa. C.P., Mar. 23, 2015) (“In setting Mr. Behrend's rate at \$350 per hour, I considered all of the materials [18] submitted by the parties. The most objective document, and therefore what I considered most important in my analysis, was the "United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2010-2011,".....”).

*Lockmon v. Thomas F. Farrell, P.C.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 178661, 2012 WL 6590426, at \*3 (D. Colo., Dec. 18, 2012) (“the Court finds that the average rates set forth in the [Consumer Law Attorney Fee] Survey are reasonable”).

*LaFountain, Jr v. Paul Benton Motors of North Carolina, LLC*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 121631, 2010 WL 4457057 (E.D. NC, Nov. 5, 2010) (Senior U.S. District Judge James C. Fox specifically finds the *U.S. Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report* to be persuasive, after rejecting the National Law Journal's fee survey and the U.S. Attorney's Laffey Matrix as **un**persuasive in consumer law cases: “The court does, however, find the evidence in the *United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey* to be persuasive”).

*Ramirez v. N. Am. Asset Servs., LLC*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54641 (C.D. Cal., Apr. 9, 2012) (stating that the argument opposing the *Survey* was “untethered” to reality in light of the *Survey* report's resulting data).

*Lindenbaum v. NCO Fin. Sys.*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78069, 2011 WL 2848748 (E.D. Pa., July 19, 2011) (using both the *U.S. Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report* and the U.S. Attorney's Laffey Matrix in determining a fee award).

*Suleski v. Bryant Lafayette & Associates*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 55353, 2010 WL 1904968 (E.D. Wis., May 10, 2010) ("However, the United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey for 2008-09 for the Midwest and California, see [www.consumerlaw.org/feesurvey](http://www.consumerlaw.org/feesurvey) (last visited May 7, 2010), supports the reasonableness of the hourly rates sought by counsel in light of their experience").

*Vahidy v. Transworld Systems, Inc.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78984, 2009 WL 2916825 (N.D. Ill., September 01, 2009) (finding results in the 2007 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report to be "supported by the Laffey Matrix").

*Bratton v. Thomas Law Firm PC*, 943 F. Supp. 2d 897 (N.D. Ind. 2013) ("In *Moore v. Midland Credit Mgmt., Inc.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 176600, 2012 WL 6217597 (N.D. Ind. Dec. 12, 2012), this Court recently analyzed the applicability of both the *Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report* and the Laffey Matrix. [904] The Court found that the Report "provides a general range for billing rates that is useful as one factor in a court's multi-factor analysis." 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 176600, [WL] at \*4.").

*Beach v. LVNV Funding, LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 162926, 2013 WL 6048989 (E.D. Wis. Nov. 15, 2013). ("As Beach points out, several courts in this District have recognized the Fee Survey as a reliable resource in determining the reasonableness of an attorney's hourly rate, particularly in conjunction with consideration of counsel's experience.").

#### Cases Listed by State or Other Jurisdiction

A more comprehensive listing of cases using the *U.S. Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report* when deciding attorney fee disputes in Consumer Law cases includes those on the following list.

#### **Alabama**

*Hicks v City of Tuscaloosa*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 174579, 2016 WL 7029827 (N.D., Alabama, May 24, 2016) (in Discrimination under Family and Medical Leave Act case, awarding \$154,192.50 in fees to prevailing plaintiff).

*Jordan v City of Birmingham*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 183532, 2015 WL 12830455 (N.D. Alabama, June 22, 2015) (in hostile work environment case under EEOC, requested fees of \$61,850 awarded to Plaintiff as supported by Survey Report).

## **Arizona**

*Savage v NIC, Inc.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 60311, 2010 WL 2347028 (D. Ariz., June 9, 2010).

*Shelago v. Marshall & Ziolkowski Enterprise, LLC*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38940, 2009 WL 1097534 (D. Ariz., 2009., April 22, 2009).

## **California**

*Medina v. South Coast Car Co.*, 2017 Cal. App. LEXIS 820, 2017 WL 4247131 (C.A., 4th App Dist, Div. One, Sept 19, 2017).

*Hollandsworth v McDowell*, 2015 WL 12830177 (Cal. Super., May 20, 2015).

## **California, E.D.**

*Uhl v. Colvin*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78779, 2016 WL 3361800 (E.D. Cal., June 16, 2016).

*Davis v. Hollins Law*, 25 F.Supp.3d 1292, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81024, 10-12 (E.D. Cal., June 12, 2014).

*Broad. Music Inc. v. Antigua Cantina & Grill, LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 72122, 2013 WL 2244641 (E.D. Cal., May 20, 2013).

## **California, C.D.**

*Ramirez v. N. Am. Asset Servs., LLC*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54641, 2012 WL 1228086 (C.D. Cal., Apr. 9, 2012)

*Krapf v Nationwide Credit, Inc.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 116689, 2010 WL 4261444 (C.D. Cal., October 21, 2010).



## **California, N.D.**

*Senah, Inc. v. Xi'an Forstar S&T Co*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 72293, 2016 WL 3092099 (N.D. Cal., June 2, 2016).

*Klein v. Law Offices of D. Scott Carruthers*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 75269, 2015 WL 3626946 (N.D. Cal., June 10, 2015).

*Hampton v. Colvin*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 53630, 2015 WL 1884313 (N.D. Cal., Apr. 23, 2015).

*Brown v. Mandarich Law Group, LLP*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47020, 2014 WL 1340211 (N.D. Cal., Apr. 2, 2014).

*Castro v. Commercial Recovery Sys.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33675 (N.D. Cal., Mar. 13, 2014).

*Stephenson v Neutrogena Corporation*, 2013 WL12310811 (N.D.Cal., Aug. 22, 2013).

*Garcia v. Resurgent Capital Servs.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 123889, 2012 WL 3778852 (N.D. Cal., Aug. 30, 2012).

## **California, S.D.**

*Arana v. Monterey Fin. Servs.*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 46111, 2016 WL 1324269 (S.D. Cal., Apr. 5, 2016).

*Nguyen v. HOVG, LLC*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 124019, 2015 WL 5476254 (S.D. Cal., Sept. 15, 2015).

*De La Torre v. Legal Recovery Law Office*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 128220, 2014 WL 4547035 (S.D. Cal., Sept. 12, 2014).

*Verdun v. I.C. Sys.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 52238, 2014 WL 1456295 (S.D. Cal., Apr. 14, 2014).

*Diaz v. Kubler Corp.*, 2014 WL 12789109 (S.D. Cal., Mar. 26, 2014).

*Delalat v. Syndicated Office Sys.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33756, 2014 WL 930162 (S.D. Cal., Jan. 28, 2014).

*Crawford v. Dynamic Recovery Servs.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4057, 2014 WL 130458 (S.D. Cal., Jan. 10, 2014).

*Breidenbach v. Experian*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 82093, 2013 WL 2631368 (S.D. Cal., June 11, 2013).

## **Colorado**

*Harper v. Stellar Recovery, Inc.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 154479, 2015 WL 7253239 (D. Colo., Nov. 16, 2015).

*Villanueva v Account Discovery Systems, LLC*, 77 F.Supp.3d 1058 (D. Colorado, 2015).

*Crapnell v. Dillon Cos.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 96184, 2015 WL 4484469 (D. Colo., July 22, 2015).

*Gregg v. N.A.R., Inc.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 32017, 2014 WL 959412 (D. Colo., Mar. 12, 2014).

*Reichers v. Del. Asset Mgmt., LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 164981, 2013 WL 6096136 (D. Colo., Nov. 20, 2013).

*Rodriguez v. Luchey & Mitchell Recovery Solutions, LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 164285, 2013 WL 6068458 (D. Colo., Nov. 18, 2013).

*Andalam v. Trizetto Group*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 159656, 2013 WL 5952012 (D. Colo., Nov. 7, 2013).

*Bock v. APIM, LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 176648 (D. Colo., Nov. 7, 2013).

*Peterson-Hooks v. First Integral Recovery, LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 73907, 2013 WL 229544 (D. Colo., May 24, 2013).

*Scadden v. Weinberg, Stein & Associates, LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57939,

2013 WL 1751294, at \*6 (D. Colo., Apr. 23, 2013).

*Lockmon v. Thomas F. Farrell, P.C.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 178661, 2012 WL 6590426, at \*3 (D. Colo., Dec. 18, 2012).

*Anderson v. Nat'l Credit Sys.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 134268 (D. Colo., Dec. 1, 2010).

### **Florida, M.D.**

*Alvarado v Featured Mediation, LLC*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 88022, 2017 WL 2480606 (M.D. Fla., Jun. 8, 2017).

*Santarlas v. Steube*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 383 (M.D. Fla., Jan. 3, 2017).

*Lane v. Accredited Collection Agency, Inc.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 58502, 2014 WL 1685677 (M.D. Fla. Apr. 25, 2014).

*Renninger v Phillips & Cohen Associates, Ltd*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 92736, 2010 WL 3259417 (M.D. Fla., August 18, 2010).

### **Florida, S.D.**

*Ponce v. BCA Financial Services, Inc.*, 2012 WL 13008156 (S.D. Fla., September 20, 2012).

*Sandin v. United Collection Bureau, Inc.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 71945, 2009 WL 2500408 (S.D. Fla., August 14, 2009).

### **Georgia, M.D.**

*Herbert v. Wallet Recovery Ltd.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57012, 2014 WL 1653490 (M.D. Ga., Apr. 24, 2014).

### **Idaho**

*Lecoultre v. Takhar Collection Servs.*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 96443, 2013 WL 3458072 (D. Idaho, July 9, 2013).

## **Illinois, N.D.**

*In re Sears*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 124235, 2016 WL 4765679 (N.D. E.D. Ill., Sep. 13, 2016)

*Fricano v. LVNV Funding, LLC*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 121654, 2015 WL 5331711 (N.D. E.D. Ill., Sept. 8, 2015).

*Reid v. Unilever United States, Inc.*, 2015 U.D. Dist. LEXIS 75383, 2015 WL 3653318 (N.D. E.D. Ill., June 10, 2015).

*Decker v. Transworld Systems, Inc.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78987, 2009 WL 2916819 (N.D. W.D. Ill., September 01, 2009).

*Vahidy v. Transworld Systems, Inc.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78984, 2009 WL 2916825 (N.D. W.D. Ill., September 01, 2009).

## **Illinois, S.D.**

*Anderson v. Specified Credit Ass'n*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 62410, 2011 WL 2414867 (S.D. Ill., June 10, 2011).

## **Indiana, N.D.**

*Bratton v. Thomas Law Firm PC*, 943 F. Supp. 2d 897 (N.D., Ind. 2013).

*Moore v. Midland Credit Mgmt.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 176600, 2012 WL 6217597 (N.D. Ind., Dec. 12, 2012).

## **Michigan, E.D.**

*Green v. Nationwide Arbitration Servs., LLC*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 216557 (E.D. S.D., Mich., Dec. 22, 2017).

## **Minnesota**

*Green v. BMW of North America, LLC*, 2013 WL 9862198 (Minn.Dist.Ct., Nov. 20, 2013).

## **Nevada**

*Mandler v. Colvin*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16226, 2016 WL 526217 (D. Nev., Feb. 9, 2016).

*Silver State Broad., LLC v. Beasley FM Acquisition*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 34032, 2015 WL 1186461 (D. Nev. Mar. 16, 2015).

*Feely v. Carrington Mortg. Services., LLC*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 161626, 2014 WL 6388788 (D. Nev., Nov. 14, 2014).

*Schneider v. Social Security Administration*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 119553, 2014 WL 4251590 (D. Nev., Aug. 27, 2014).

## **New Jersey**

*Doyle v Midland Credit Management, Inc.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 215290, 2017 WL 6944789 (D. N.J., Dec 1, 2017).

*Bukowski v Kia Motors America, Inc.*, 2014 WL 5113759 (N.J. Super.L., Sept. 4, 2014).

## **North Carolina, E.D.**

*LaFountain, Jr v. Paul Benton Motors of North Carolina, LLC*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 121631, 2010 WL 4457057 (ED NC, November 5, 2010).

## **Ohio**

*Fabish v Harnak*, 2015-Ohio-4777, 2015 Ohio App. LEXIS 4671, 2015 WL 7357189 (CA 5<sup>th</sup> App Dist, Delaware Co, Nov. 19, 2015).

*Adam Beverly v Student Loan Relief Organization LLC* (Unreported, Huron Co CP, Final Judgment Entry, May 12, 2015; see *National Collegiate Student Loan Trust 2003-1*, 2014-Ohio-4346, 2014 WL 4824355, Sep. 30, 2014, for related case).

## **Ohio, N.D.**

*Mohn v. Goll*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 43866, 2016 WL 1258578 (N.D. E.D. Ohio, Mar. 31, 2016) (negatively noting the Ohio State Bar Association's similar survey to be based on "a very small number of the relevant lawyers" in the jurisdiction at issue).

*Ball v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 129924 (N.D. E.D. Ohio, Aug. 12, 2013) (Social Security Disability Benefits Case); also see, 2013 WL 4874092 Slip Order Of J. Oliver.

*Coy v. Astrue*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 50328, 2013 WL 1411137 (N.D. E.D. Ohio, Apr. 8, 2013).

*Livingston v. Cavalry Portfolio Services, LLC*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 113274, 2009 WL 4724268 (N.D. Ohio, December 02, 2009).

## **Ohio, S.D.**

*Flaherty v. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC* (Unreported, S.D. E.D. Ohio, Order, Oct. 30, 2017, Case No. 2:16-cv-00085).

*Simpson v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10875 (S.D. E.D. Ohio, Jan. 29, 2014).

*Wamsley v. Kemp Creditors Interchange Receivables Mgmt., LLC*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 48454, 2010 WL 1610734 (S.D. E.D. Ohio, April 20, 2010) (using both the national survey and the regional Survey Reports).

*Paris v Regent Asset Mgmt Solutions, Inc.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 106183, 2010 WL 3910212 (S.D. W.D. Ohio, October 5, 2010).

## **Oregon**

*Kersten v. Quick Collect, Inc.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 58407, 2015 WL 1931137 (D. Or. Apr. 27, 2015).

## **Pennsylvania**

*Dibish v. Ameriprise Fin. Servs.*, 2015 Pa. Dist. & Cnty. Dec. LEXIS 432, \*17-18 (Pa. C.P., Mar. 23, 2015).

## **Pennsylvania, E.D.**

*Lindenbaum v. NCO Fin. Sys.*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78069, 2011 WL 2848748 (E.D. Pa., July 18, 2011).

## **Pennsylvania, U.S. Court of Federal Claims**

*Twerdok v Secretary of Health and Human Services*, 2016 U.S. Claims LEXIS 1853, 2016 WL 7048036, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Office of Special Masters, Aug. 4, 2016 (Survey Report held helpful in determining Erie, PA, hourly rate for attorney fee award under National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, the Vaccine Act, and comparing Erie and Hershey, PA, hourly rates).

## **South Carolina**

*Green v. Momentum Motor Grp., LLC*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 122, 2018 WL 259091 (D. So. Carolina, Rock Hill Div., Jan. 2, 2018) (Full amount of fees granted).

*Companion Life Ins Co v McCreary, et al*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 172433, 2016 WL 7115910 (D. So. Carolina, Columbia Div. Nov. 22, 2016) (Full amount of fees granted; Survey Report supported requested rates in insurance policy proceeds dispute).

## **Tennessee, M.D.**

*McCutcheon v. Finkelstein Kern Steinberg & Cunningham*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 121460, 2013 WL 4521016 (M.D. Tenn. Aug. 27, 2013).

## **Texas, S.D.**

*Szijarto v. Farias*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17406, 2014 WL 555122 (S.D. Tex. Feb. 12, 2014).

## **U.S. Virgin Islands**

*United States Postal Serv. Fed. Credit Union v. Edwin*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 31532, 2018 WL 1077291 (D. Virgin Islands, St. Croix Div. Feb. 27, 2018) (The Court in this fee-shifting mortgage case sought out and considered the Consumer Price Index Data, an article by Altman Weil, the 2015-2016 U.S. Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey

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Report, and a Florida Bar Survey and approved the requested hourly rates, which were below the applicable Survey Report hourly rates).

### **West Virginia, S.D.**

*Pearson v. Prichard's Excavating & Mobile Home Transp.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16089, 2014 WL 534221 (S.D. W.Va. Feb. 10, 2014).

*Koontz v. Wells Fargo N.A.*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45509, 2013 WL 1337260 (S.D. W. Va. Mar. 29, 2013).

*Harmon v. Virtuoso Sourcing Group LLC*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 129770, 2012 WL 4018504 (S.D. W. Va. Sept. 12, 2012).

### **Washington**

*Merino v The State of Washington, et al*, 2014 WL 12679683 (Wash.Super. Aug. 22, 2014).

### **Wisconsin, E.D.**

*Heling v. Creditors Collection Serv.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89693, 2017 WL 2539785 (E.D. Wis. June 12, 2017).

*Andersen v. Riverwalk Holdings Ltd.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 162403, 2015 WL 7862923 (E.D. Wis. Dec. 3, 2015).

*Crafton v. Law Firm of Jonathan B. Levine*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 29690, 2014 WL 907423 (E.D. Wis. Mar. 7, 2014).

*Beach v. LVNV Funding, LLC*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 162926, 2013 WL 6048989 (E.D. Wis., Nov. 15, 2013).

*House v. Shapiro & Price*, No. 10-CV-842, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38322, 2011 WL 1219247 (E.D. Wis., Mar. 30, 2011).

*Moreland v. Dorsey Thornton & Assocs., LLC*, No. 10-CV-867, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54487, 2011 WL 1980282, \*3 (E.D. Wis., May 20, 2011).



*Suleski v. Bryant Lafayette & Associates*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 55353, 2010 WL 1904968 (E.D. Wis., May 10, 2010).

**US Court of Federal Claims**, Office of Special Masters

*Twerdok v Secretary of Health and Human Services*, \*\*\* Fed. Cl. \*\*\*, 2016 WL 7048036, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Office of Special Masters, Aug. 4, 2016 (Survey Report held helpful in determining Erie, PA, hourly rate for attorney fee award under National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, the Vaccine Act, and comparing Erie and Hershey, PA, hourly rates).

**US Dept of Justice**, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Administrative Law Judge

*John A. Breda V. Kindred Braintree Hospital, LLC*, 11 OCAHO 1225, 2014 OCAHO LEXIS 18, 2014 WL 4390663 (Aug 26, 2014, Chief Administrative Hearing Officer Ellen K. Thomas).

**US Dept of Labor**, DOL Benefit Review Board, Administrative Law Judge

*Terry Grimm V. Vortex Marine Construction/Signal Mutual Indemnity Assn., et al*, \*\*\* DOL Ben.Rev.Bd. \*\*\*, 2016 WL 7826580 (Dec. 28, 2016, DOL Ben.Rev.Bd., Administrative Law Judge Wm. Dorsey) (finding Los Angeles and San Francisco Survey Report tables not relevant to San Diego market).

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*In the Matter of the Arbitration Between [Claimant] V. [Respondent] (Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations)*, 2016 WL 5105956 (Jul. 29, 2016).

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2014), Declaration by Colin B. Weir (Expert Witness) (Class Action Case).

*Wallace v. Florida Dept. Of Education*, 2010 WL 9067802 (Fla. Cir. Ct. June 2, 2010), Reply Affidavit of David M. Frank (Expert Witness) (Whistleblower Case).

*Tamara Spikes and Beaumont Independent School District*, 2015 WL 2450879 (E.D. Tex. January 6, 2015), Report or Affidavit of Kenneth W. Lewis (Expert Witness) (Civil Rights & Constitutional Law Case).

### **Negative Cases on Survey Report's Use**

A listing of cases considering but *not* using the *U.S. Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report* when deciding attorney fee disputes in fee disputes in cases include those on the following list. It should be noted that the depth and breadth of this Survey Report has evolved over time and prior editions of this Survey Report were substantially different from editions appearing after 2012 and thus any negative cases using prior reports are likely to be distinguishable.

#### **California**

*Brooks v. Sun Cash of Sd*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20310, 2018 WL 747795 (S.D. Cal. Feb. 7, 2018) (finding prior edition of Survey Report did not include specific data for the district) (Editor's Note: current edition includes this district data).

*Valentin v. Grant Mercantile Agency, Inc.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 212185, 2017 WL 6604410 (E.D. Cal. Dec. 27, 2017) (following *Fitzgerald v. Law Office of Curtis O. Barnes* and finding prior edition of Survey Report did not include specific data for the district) (Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes this district data).

*Munoz v. Cal. Bus. Bureau, Inc.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 109855, 2017 WL 3009210 (E.D. Cal. July 14, 2017) (finding the 2013-2014 Survey Report did not include specific FDCPA data) (Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes this specific data).

*Forkum v. Co-Operative Adjustment Bureau, Inc.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 106912, 2014 WL 3827955 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 4, 2014) (applicant submitted Laffey Matrix and 2010-2011 Survey Report); *Forkum v. Co-Operative Adjustment Bureau, Inc.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 91148, 2014 WL 3101784 (N.D. Cal. July 3, 2014) (finding the Laffey

Matrix and the 2010-2011 Survey Report insufficient in geographically specific fee data)(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes geocentric data).

*Miranda v. Law Office of D. Scott Carruthers*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 2866, 2012 WL 78236 (E.D. Cal. Jan. 9, 2012) (finding the 2010-2011 Survey Report insufficient in geographically specific fee data; in conflict with *Davis v. Hollins Law*, 25 F.Supp.3d 1292, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81024, 10-12 (E.D. Cal. June 10, 2014))(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes geocentric data).

*Durham v. Cont'l Cent. Credit*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 148403, 2011 WL 6783193 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 27, 2011)) (finding the 2010-2011 Survey Report insufficient in geographically specific fee data; in conflict with *Davis v. Hollins Law*, 25 F.Supp.3d 1292, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81024, 10-12 (E.D. Cal. June 12, 2014))(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes geocentric data).

*Fitzgerald v. Law Office of Curtis O. Barnes*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 53642, 2013 WL 1627740 (E.D. Cal. Apr. 15, 2013) (finding the Laffey Matrix and the 2010-2011 Survey Report insufficient in geographically specific fee data; in conflict with *Davis v. Hollins Law*, 25 F.Supp.3d 1292, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81024, 10-12 (E.D. Cal. June 12, 2014))(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes geocentric data).

## Colorado

*Howard v. Midland Credit Mgmt.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 136209, 2012 WL 4359361 (D. Colo. Sept. 24, 2012) (finding the 2010-2011 Survey Report's average hourly rate by itself did not include the effect of degree of concentration or years in practice of fee applicant)(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes this data).

*White v. Cavalry Portfolio Servs., LLC*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35601, 2012 WL 899280 (D. Colo. Mar. 16, 2012) (finding the 2010-2011 Survey Report's average hourly rate by itself did not include the effect of degree of concentration or years in practice of fee applicant)(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes this data).

## Indiana

*Grubbs v. Andrews & Cox*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 93643, \*6; 2016 WL 3902591 (SD IN July 18, 2016) ("the Fee Survey is not particularized by subject matter or the

ability of the attorney; instead, it averages the rates charged by all attorneys in a particular geographic area.”)(Editor’s Note: current Survey Report edition includes this data).

## Illinois

*Farooq v. Portfolio Recovery*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 66180, 2016 WL 2909650 (N.D. Ill. May 19, 2016) (following *Stockman v Global Credit & Collection Corp.*; noting the survey 2013-2014 results were “not particularized by subject matter or the ability of the attorney”)(Editor’s Note: current Survey Report edition includes this data).

*Stockman v. Global Credit & Collection Corp.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 111113, 2015 WL 4999851 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 21, 2015) (noting differing opinions on use of Survey Report from District Court and stating the Survey Report was “not focused on lawyers who handle cases similar to this one”)(Editor’s Note: current Survey Report edition includes this data).

## Michigan

*Firreno v. Radner Law Grp., PLLC*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 136660, 2017 WL 3675613 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 25, 2017) (using the State Bar of Michigan Report as more applicable to the specific locality at issue)(Editor’s Note: current Survey Report edition includes geocentric data).

## Minnesota

*Mayo Foundation for Medical Education & Research, Mayo Clinic, Cerner Corporation, Cerner Corporation v. Dr. Peter L. Elkin, M.D.*, 2014 WL 12527218 (D.C. Minn. March 19, 2014) (in a statutory trade secret claim case, consumer law survey “data ‘is of limited probative value’ because it relates to consumer law attorneys in the Midwest region”).

## New Jersey

*Beneli v. Bca Fin. Servs.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19191, 2018 WL 734673 (D.N.J., Feb. 6, 2018) (class action case mentioning Survey Report but using “lodestar multiplier” calculation approach instead of hourly rate approach).

*Westberry v. Commonwealth Fin. Sys.*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14381, 2013 WL 435948 (D.N.J. Feb. 4, 2013) (using prior hourly rate decisions and declining to use the Laffey Matrix, the 2007 National Law Journal Billing Survey, and the 2010-2011 Survey Report).

*Freid v. Nat'l Action Fin. Servs.*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 149668, 2011 WL 6934845 (D.N.J. Dec. 29, 2011) (finding the Laffey Matrix and the 2007 Survey Report insufficient in geographically specific fee data)(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes geocentric data).

*Levy v. Global Credit & Collection Corp.*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 124226, 2011 WL 5117855 (D.N.J. Oct. 27, 2011) (finding the Laffey Matrix and the 2007 Survey Report insufficient in geographically specific fee data)(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes geocentric data).

*Weed-Schertzer v. Nudelman*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 108928, 2011 WL 4436553 (D.N.J. Sept. 23, 2011) (finding the Laffey Matrix insufficient in geographically specific fee data and the 2007 Survey Report data not specific as to area of practice within Consumer Law at issue in case)(Editor's Note: current Survey Report edition includes geocentric and area of practice data).

#### North Dakota

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#### Ohio

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how it applies and where in the survey there can be found support for the hourly rate requested by the movant).

#### Vermont

*Brennan-Centrella v. Ritz-Craft Corp. of Pa.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22308 (D.C. Vermont, Feb. 12, 2018) (Survey Report not properly submitted, questioning accuracy of state metropolitan hourly rate)(Editor's Note: corrected, revised and updated data in new 2015-2016 Survey Report edition dated Mar. 13, 2018).

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## 7. Cases on Use of Survey Data

Additional considerations in using fee surveys may be relevant to a court's consideration in a particular case, including the following concepts drawn from the illustrative cases below.

In determining whether a requested hourly rate is appropriate, a court may look not only to past awards within the district, but the other submissions offered in support of the award such as surveys and affidavits. See, *Waldo v. Consumers Energy Co.*, 726 F.3d 802, 2013 U.S. App. LEXIS 16555, at \*37, 2013 WL 4038747 at \*12 (6th Cir. Aug. 9, 2013); also see, *Sykes v. Anderson*, 419 Fed.Appx. 615, 618 (6th Cir. 2011) ("[t]he appropriate rate . . . is not necessarily the exact value sought by a particular firm, but is rather the market rate in the venue sufficient to encourage competent representation.").

While different attorney fee surveys may exist for the Court's consideration, the question may be which "fee survey better served the purpose of assessing the skills, experience and reputation of counsel" in a particular case. *Strohl Systems Group, Inc. v. Fallon*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 90830, 2007 WL 4323008 (E.D. Pa., Dec. 11, 2007), aff'd 372 Fed.Appx. 230 (Mar. 30, 2010).

Moreover, a fee survey may be approved as probative evidence of the reasonableness of an hourly rate. *Taylor v. USF-Red Star Express, Inc.*, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3599, 2005 WL 555371 (E.D.Pa., March 8, 2005), aff'd 212 Fed. Appx. 101 (2006).

However, the results of an attorney fee survey may be merely a starting point, a piece of evidence that still should be shown to apply in a particular case. See, *Ray v. Secretary of Dept. Of Health and Human Services*, 2006 WL 1006587 (Fed.Cl., March 30, 2006).

The cost of performing an individual fee survey and analysis may be recoverable.

It is a matter of first impression that a fee applicant would hire another attorney to conduct a survey on her behalf. We cannot forget that Luessenhop has the burden of proving that her Fee Application is based upon prevailing market rates and that she has the right to present evidence to support the rate she believes to be prevailing. Here, where we are required to weigh the presumptive prevailing market rate district wide,

further pondering the geographical distance and economic disparities between the Plattsburgh and Albany communities and Schneider's relatively limited access to those attorneys who practice civil rights litigation in Albany, we acknowledge that Luessenhop was left with little option but to hire Mishler, an Albany attorney, to conduct a more comprehensive survey on her behalf. Luessenhop seeks \$787.50 for Mishler's endeavors, which appears to be modest. Considering the amount of time this Court spent to conduct a similar survey, we do not find this amount to be unreasonable and will award it.

*Luessenhop v. Clinton County, N.Y.* 558 F.Supp.2d 247, 272 (N.D.N.Y., 2008).

Importantly, a fee survey is most useful when it surveys the general area of law at hand in an applicant's motion. Thus, the data from one type of survey may not be applicable to a different area of law without some explanation by the applicant of why the two areas of law are comparable. Nevertheless, more recent cases find guidance and value even if the survey is not of the specific area of law at hand before the Court.

*Mooney v. Sec'y of Health & Human Servs*, 2014 U.S. Claims LEXIS 1526, 2014 WL 7715158, \*3 n.9, \*5 (Fed. Cl. Spec. Mstr. Dec. 29, 2014) (Referring to the Survey Report in a fee motion brought under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program but noting the absence of the proponent's explanation why Consumer Law is comparable to Vaccine Act litigation).

*Gonzalez v. Secy. of Health & Human Services*, 2015 WL 10435023, \*9 (Fed. Cl. Spec. Mstr. Nov. 10, 2015) (Referring to the Survey Report but not stating a reliance upon it in a fee motion brought under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program).

However, cases outside of Consumer Law have used the Survey Report, e.g., *Twerdok v Secretary of Health and Human Services*, 2016 WL 7048036 (U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Office of Special Masters, Aug. 4, 2016) (Vaccine Act litigation); and *John A. Breda V. Kindred Braintree Hospital, LLC*, 11 OCAHO 1225, 2014 OCAHO LEXIS 18, 2014 WL 4390663 (Aug. 26, 2014) (Employment Discrimination).

Also, survey evidence of the forum geographic area may not be applicable if the attorney's work is performed outside of the forum area.

*Gonzalez v. Secy. of Health & Human Services*, 2015 WL 10435023, \*9 (Fed. Cl. Spec. Mstr. Nov. 10, 2015) (“... the reasonable hourly rate should generally be based on the forum rate. *Avera v. Sec’y of Health & Human Servs.*, 515 F.3d 1343, 1349 (Fed. Cir. 2008); see also *Davis Cnty. Solid Waste Mgmt. & Energy Recovery Special Serv. Dist. v. U.S. E.P.A.*, 169 F.3d 755 (D.D.C. Feb. 26, 1999). However, an exception to the forum rule (often referred to as the *Davis County* exception) is applied in cases where the majority of the attorney's work is performed outside of the forum, and where there is a “very significant difference” in compensation between the forum rate and the local rate. Under such circumstances, when the forum rate is higher, the reasonable hourly rate for the attorney's fees award should be calculated utilizing the lower local rate. See *Avera*, 515 F.3d at 1349.”).

## 8. About the Editor



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He has served as Board Examiner for the National Board of Trial Advocacy and has extensive Consumer Law trial and appellate experience in individual and class action cases involving lenders, retail sales practices, defective products, and warranty litigation. Since 2004, he remains the only Consumer Law attorney in Ohio who has been named to Ohio Super Lawyer status by *Law & Politics* Magazine and Thomson Reuters, and whose practice is entirely devoted to Consumer Law work for consumers. Thomson Reuters is the world's leading source of intelligent information for businesses and professionals. In 2004, he was named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the National Association of Consumer Advocates and in 2010 he was elected to a six year term on the Board of the National Association of Consumer Advocates.

## 9. Recommendations for Future Survey Data

As always, we welcome your suggestions for improvements to the survey and this Survey Report as we continue to gather useful information in the future.

Please email your suggestions to [Ron@TheLawCoach.com](mailto:Ron@TheLawCoach.com) or you may mail them to Ronald L. Burdge, Esq., 8250 Washington Village Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45458.

Shortly after this report was published, the next survey data gathering time frame was opened for participation for the next edition of the *United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report*. If you are an attorney who practices in the field of Consumer Law to any degree, your participation in the next survey would benefit the bar, practitioners and the Courts and would be greatly appreciated. You can do so by going to the website [AttorneyFeeStudy.com](http://AttorneyFeeStudy.com) and clicking on the “Click Here to Take the Survey Now” link.

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## Appendix 1. 2015-2016 Survey Questions

The following pages contain the survey questions and possible answers to each question.

\* 1. Below is a list of practice areas. Please select the practice area that represents the largest percentage of your practice time.

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Bankruptcy         | <input type="radio"/> Estate Planning, Probate, Wills | <input type="radio"/> Securities           |
| <input type="radio"/> Consumer Law       | <input type="radio"/> General Practice                | <input type="radio"/> Workers Compensation |
| <input type="radio"/> Criminal Law       | <input type="radio"/> Medical Malpractice             | <input type="radio"/> Other                |
| <input type="radio"/> Domestic Relations | <input type="radio"/> Personal Injury                 |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Employment Law     | <input type="radio"/> Real Estate                     |  |

\* 2. What percentage of your practice time is devoted to Consumer Law, not including Bankruptcy Law?

- |                           |                          |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 100 | <input type="radio"/> 60 | <input type="radio"/> 20 |
| <input type="radio"/> 90  | <input type="radio"/> 50 | <input type="radio"/> 10 |
| <input type="radio"/> 80  | <input type="radio"/> 40 | <input type="radio"/> 5  |
| <input type="radio"/> 70  | <input type="radio"/> 30 | <input type="radio"/> 0  |

\* 3. What specific areas of Consumer Law practice do you regularly handle? Check all that apply

- ☐ Bankruptcy
- ☐ Class Action
- ☐ Credit Rights (FCRA, FDCPA, ECOA, TILA, Credit Discrimination, Credit Reporting, Debt Defense, etc)
- ☐ Mortgage (Foreclosure Defense, RESPA, HOLA, Real Estate, Housing Rights, etc)
- ☐ Vehicles (AutoFraud, Lemon Law, Warranty Law, UDAP, Repossession Law, etc)
- ☐ TCPA
- ☐ Other (please specify)

\* 4. How many attorneys are in your law firm?

- |                         |                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 5 or more |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 4 |                                 |

\* 7. How many full or part time paralegal or law clerk or legal assistants do you employ?

- |                         |                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 4         |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 5 or more |

\* 8. What is your average paralegal or law clerk or legal assistant standard billable hourly rate?

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> n/a | <input type="radio"/> 100 | <input type="radio"/> 190         |
| <input type="radio"/> 0   | <input type="radio"/> 110 | <input type="radio"/> 200         |
| <input type="radio"/> 25  | <input type="radio"/> 125 | <input type="radio"/> 210         |
| <input type="radio"/> 50  | <input type="radio"/> 140 | <input type="radio"/> 225         |
| <input type="radio"/> 75  | <input type="radio"/> 150 | <input type="radio"/> 240         |
| <input type="radio"/> 90  | <input type="radio"/> 175 | <input type="radio"/> 250 or more |

\* 9. How long ago did you change your billable hourly rate?

- |                                |                                   |                                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> n/a      | <input type="radio"/> 1 1/2 years | <input type="radio"/> 3 1/2 years     |
| <input type="radio"/> 0        | <input type="radio"/> 2 years     | <input type="radio"/> 4 years         |
| <input type="radio"/> 1/2 year | <input type="radio"/> 2 1/2 years | <input type="radio"/> 4 1/2 years     |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 year   | <input type="radio"/> 3 years     | <input type="radio"/> 5 years or more |



**\* 10. In what jurisdiction do you practice law? If you practice in more than one jurisdiction and your hourly rate is the same in all jurisdictions, then you may check more than one box below. If your rate differs in different jurisdictions, then you should complete this survey for one jurisdiction and then submit a new survey response for each additional jurisdiction where you practice.**

- |                                      |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama     | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine          | <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska      | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona     | <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas    | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan       | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California  | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota      | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi    | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware    | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana        | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska       | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada         | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii      | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire  | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho       | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey     | <input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Islands US |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois    | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico     | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana     | <input type="checkbox"/> New York       | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa        | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas      | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio           | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington DC     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana   | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma       |  |

**\* 11. In what geographical area of your state do you regularly practice? If more than one area, mark all that apply.**

- |                                |                               |                                  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> North | <input type="checkbox"/> East | <input type="checkbox"/> Central |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South | <input type="checkbox"/> West |                                  |

**\* 12. Do you regularly practice in a metropolitan area of more than 200,000 persons or less than 200,000 persons?**

- ☐ Both more and less
- ☐ More than 200,000
- ☐ Less than 200,000

## Appendix 2. Geographic Area Definitions Used in Prior Survey Reports

In prior versions of the United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Reports the data was compiled in twelve geographic regions, including several states identified as their own region. This approach was based on three factors: the long-established Altman-Weil<sup>3</sup> regional tables, the quantity of Consumer Law attorneys that were readily identified as practicing in each state, and the geographic proximity of any one state to a nearby overall region.

For readers who wish to attempt to make comparisons of data in the prior reports with the data provided in this 2015-2016 Survey Report, the following table lists the regional state content by state name.

The twelve regions for this survey are:

Atlantic:	DC, DE, NC, NJ, PA, VA, WV
California	
Florida	
Mid West:	IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI
New York	
North East:	CT, MA, MD, ME, NH, RI, VT
Ohio	
Pacific:	AK, HI, OR, WA
South:	AL, AR, GA, KY, LA, MS, OK, SC, TN
Texas	
US Territories:	Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands
West:	AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY

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### Appendix 3. Statement of Peer Review by The National Association of Legal Fee Analysis

The following page contains the NALFA statement of its peer review opinions of the United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2015-2016.



## National Association of Legal Fee Analysis Specializing in Attorney Fees & Legal Billing

The National Association of Legal Fee Analysis (NALFA) is a 501(c)(6) non-profit professional association for the legal fee analysis field. Our members provide a range of services on attorney fees and legal billing matters. Courts and clients turn to us for expertise when attorney fees and expenses are at issue in large, complex cases. NALFA members are fully qualified attorney fee experts, special fee masters, bankruptcy fee examiners, fee dispute mediators and legal bill auditors.

We have reviewed the follow data and methodology prior to publication. We at NALFA support this hourly rate survey and the methodology contained within. This survey was conducted with the utmost professionalism, with statistical integrity and reliability, and with detailed hourly rate data and survey information. Indeed, this survey is the most comprehensive hourly rate survey for consumer lawyers in the U.S.

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