

Chapter 1 : Litigation Support | AccessData

Litigation support professionals assist attorneys in managing large-scale litigation. They design and implement databases for managing, sorting, indexing, abstracting and coordinating the large volumes of data produced in major litigation, particularly in preparation for trial.

MORE Successful litigation outcomes depend in no small part on the efficacy of expert witness testimony. While the art of providing testimony is a key component of litigation support assignments, testimony is always more effective if it is backed by a robust and credible analysis that can be communicated in an understandable fashion no matter how complex the details. In addition, an effective report can be a key tool in promoting settlement. Our professionals have a strong record of success in a variety of disputes across a wide range of issues. We assist clients with expert consulting in all phases of litigation: Our team has delivered expert witness testimony in state and federal courts and in alternative dispute resolution forums, and provided services in many cases that settled prior to trial. If you are seeking valuation expertise in any of the following the areas, contact Peterson Sullivan today. In a brief consultation, we can assess your needs and determine how best to help you with the issue at hand.

Tax Controversies Our experts have been called on to assist in the resolution of numerous tax disputes, including the provision of expert testimony in the U. Tax Court and the U. Court of Federal Claims in numerous cases. Our experience in this area of dispute resolution is deep and wide-ranging. As a result, we are often asked to provide second opinions or to replace other experts during the dispute resolution process. We fully understand the unique characteristics of litigation in the tax arena, from the requirements related to report preparation and format to the role of precedent. In addition, our valuation professionals have been retained as experts by the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Justice on issues ranging from executive compensation to the valuation of contingent legal claims. We have completed engagements involving the valuation of operating companies in industries as diverse as professional sports, retail, integrated oil and gas, and construction. Assignments have also included the valuation of non-compete covenants, discount studies for investment holding companies, discount studies for restricted public stock, discount studies for undivided interests in works of art, split dollar insurance arrangements, contingent claims and liabilities, and executive compensation.

Shareholder Disputes Disputes between owners can be particularly sensitive and complex. Premise of value, executive compensation, buy-sell agreement interpretation, and buyout funding are just some of the issues that can arise. We can help you navigate these complexities with a work product that is well-supported and tailored to your needs. Our experience extends to fractional interests in a wide range of industries, from small to large. In addition to valuation, we can assist with modeling buyout funding mechanisms. We have also assisted with analysis of dissenting shareholder claims for a number of public company acquisitions, focusing on both process and valuation. We provide services throughout the litigation process, from initial case strategy consultation to discovery requests to analysis of opposing expert opinions and finally, to trial testimony. Our experts have testified in state and federal courts on a wide variety of commercial disputes, including, breach of contract, business interruption, shareholder disputes, intellectual property disputes, bankruptcy and restructuring disputes, employment and injury disputes, and acquisition misrepresentation.

Marital Dissolution Our professionals have provided valuation services in numerous marital dissolutions. Cases involving marital dissolution may involve the same valuation issues that arise with other practice areas or they may involve issues unique to family law and divorce. For a variety of reasons, the small business or professional practice can be one of the most difficult assets to value in a divorce. Complexities include differences from state-to-state regarding statutes and case law that impact valuation methodology. We can review the specific circumstances of a case in a preliminary consultation and tailor our work product and fees to best meet your specific requirements.

Bankruptcy Litigation issues in bankruptcy tend to focus on valuation and the examination of money flows into and out of a debtor. In many cases, we are asked to establish the value of the business under a Chapter 7 liquidation premise. In addition, we often provide an opinion as to business value under a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, which outlines both the required reduction in obligations owned to pre-bankruptcy

stakeholders and the capital structure of the new entity. Our testifying experts have addressed the above issues in a variety of cases, including testimony on issues such as fraudulent transfer, solvency and reasonably equivalent value. Labor and Employment Disputes related to employment, injury or wrongful death present complex challenges in terms of quantifying potential damages. An objective analysis of the issues can provide the information necessary for moving a dispute toward resolution. We offer advisory services and expert testimony in several areas, including the following:

Chapter 2 : Ludlow Litigation - Home

A litigation support professional must understand the in's and out's of scanning hardcopy documents to include unitization and the coding of documents to include objective and subjective coding. Here is an article I wrote about hardcopy unitization.

Trial Appeal possibly The litigation process is not a quick road to settlement of disputes, as it has the potential to drag on for weeks, months, or even years. Answer When a Defendant receives a copy of the lawsuit filed against him, he must provide a response to the allegations made in the Complaint to the court. Technically, the Complaint is the first pleading filed in any lawsuit, the Answer the second pleading. Other types of documents considered pleadings include petitions, motions, declarations, requests for hearings, and other documents. Discovery Preparing a case in litigation involves the exchange of information between the parties. From the time immediately following the filing of a lawsuit until just before the trial, the parties ask one another to provide facts, evidence, and documents related to the case. Once again, there are very strict deadlines on responding to these formal requests, and failure to adhere to that timeline may result in a significant loss of rights in the process, including the inability to bring up certain facts, issues, and evidence at trial. This can be beneficial in at least partially resolving the matter, reducing the time the matter will be before the court. Settlement conferences are particularly useful in family law matters and domestic relations disputes, such as child custody and visitation matters, and family support issues which are inherently heavy with emotion. The trial brief provides an outline of the steps taken and procedures followed prior to that time, as well as listing the evidence to be used during the trial. During the trial, each party presents their evidence and questions witnesses in an attempt to make their case convincing. In every trial, because the Plaintiff has the burden of proving his case, the Plaintiff goes first in presenting evidence and witnesses. After all the evidence has been presented, each party gives a closing argument, summing up the matter in a tidy, easy to understand statement. The judge then gives instructions to the jury about how the law should be applied to the case, and they move to a conference room to deliberate and reach a verdict. In the case of a bench trial, the judge simply retires to his or her chambers to consider all the evidence before reaching a verdict. Appeal A party who is unhappy with the verdict or result of a trial may appeal to a higher court to review the proceeding. If there was an error, the appellate court judge may reverse the previous verdict or order, and order that a new trial be conducted on the matter. Litigation Support Litigation can often entail the management of a great deal of information. Litigation support is the joining of technology and project management. Litigation support specialists generally collect, analyze, and keep this information organized through the use of computers and other means. Specifically, litigation support is responsible for identifying, collecting, processing, and preserving paper and electronic documents, as well as audio and visual recordings, and other evidence. Litigation Hold A litigation hold is a written instruction for the custodian or keeper of documents, electronically stored information, or other evidence to preserve all such information that may be related to a legal action, or potential legal action, involving the company or agency. There are many types of lawsuits filed in the United States every day, each with its own specialized subject matter. A legal dispute between parties in which money damages, or an order requiring the performance of a specific act. Civil litigation does not seek criminal sanctions. A legal dispute arising out of a patent infringement. A legal civil dispute arising out of securities fraud. In addition, securities litigation often has a criminal counterpart, as securities fraud is considered a serious crime. A case with both complex legal and case management challenges due to the complicated legal issues, the large quantity of documentation, large number of parties, or interdependency on other related legal actions. Complex litigation matters often require creative solutions to keep costs down and encourage effective decision-making by the court, the attorneys, and all parties involved. A litigation attorney generally handles a case from the initial interview of the client, through the preliminary matters, then conducting the trial of the case. Conducting a trial, leading a jury and the court toward the desired conclusion, takes a very specific skill set. Arbitration as Alternative Dispute Resolution Offered as an alternative way to resolve a dispute, Arbitration takes place in a forum outside the court, without the long wait time expected in

the court system today. An impartial third party, known as an Arbitrator , conducts the arbitration much the same way a hearing is conducted in a court trial. The Arbitrator then considers all of the testimony and evidence presented and makes a decision, which is final and binding. Arbitration can often save the parties a great deal of money and time when compared to the process of going to trial. Related Legal Terms and Issues Chambers â€” The private office of a judge in which the judge may decide to hear matters that should not be discussed in open court. Findings of Fact â€” The opinions or decisions of a judge or jury as to the underlying facts of the case. Jurisdiction â€” A territory in which the court has the right, power, and authority to administer justice by hearing and resolve conflicts. Litigation Services â€” Refers to a complex network of people and services necessary to bring any lawsuit to resolution. Such services include alternative dispute resolution ADR , mediations, negotiations, crisis and risk management, as well as court reporting, evidence and document management, and a team that creates visual aids for trial. Pleadings are the written documents filed with the court in any lawsuit. Welcome all discussions Please indicate if you are a lawyer.

Chapter 3 : Litigation Support Valuation | CBRE

Litigation support is the process of providing consultation and support services to attorneys in regard to current and pending cases. Litigation support services range from the research and documentation of facts before a case comes to trial to determining damages once a case has been tried.

Read below to learn more about our robust suite of legal support services and technologies; and how they can help put your firm on the fast-track. Comprehensive Legal Support Court Reporting Karasch can provide expert, certified real-time court reporting quickly anywhere you need us. Additionally, our services include CART and captioning speech-to-text and transcription for all facets of your needs. Legal Video Karasch is your invaluable resource for maximum courtroom impact. Utilizing state-of-the-art presentation aids such as Trial Director and our expertise in all areas of legal video, we can bring reenactments, day-in-the-life, site surveys, interviews and more to light in a powerful way. Video Conferencing A more efficient way to meet. Our comprehensive video conferencing services allow you to save time and travel cost while ensuring a productive "face-to-face" meeting experience with added benefits such as notary services, interpreters, handicap accessibility and more. Conference Rooms You tell us where your deposition is being held and we schedule the location for you and set all the details. Use any of our own locations around the country, choose your own or utilize our network to select an ideal facility. Scheduling Focus on your case, not on scheduling details. Green Initiative Electronic Transcript Delivery: We provide all transcripts to our clients electronically and our Document Vault gives our clients instant access to all of their documents from anywhere with an Internet connection. Simply inform us who will need access to your online vault and we will set up a unique user name and password for each individual. This is a truly green way to distribute and organize documents. Say goodbye to the days of worrying whether your reporter or captioner has been scheduled, whether they will be on time and where the transcript is. With Karasch Active Alerts, you will be notified via your choice of email or phone so that you can rest assured that everything is running smoothly. This is an efficient, paperless way to provide you with instant status notifications, every step of the way! Our scheduling process is also completely paperless. Just email your deposition notice to us and your case consultant will take it from there! We are always looking for new ways to help the environment by improving our recycling efforts.

Chapter 4 : Litigation Support - Peterson Sullivan Accounting

Litigation support directors are responsible for the management and marketing of litigation support services and technologies across all law firm offices or corporate business units. In smaller firms, the litigation support manager and litigation support director are one and the same.

A career in litigation support encompasses multiple careers. This series of articles will describe how each plays a part in litigation support. Overall, litigation support can be described as: We speak and translate geek. We work with litigation discovery, primarily in electronic format. One of the careers within litigation support is a Legal Technology Expert. I would classify this role as the foundation for a Litigation Support Professional skillset. The knowledgebase for this foundation is expansive and complex. Since I covered this in a previous article, I will simply provide a link to it here. I will add that the trick is knowing when to apply the legal technology within the discovery process. Even if there is no experience with a particular tool, there is knowledge gained through research, demonstrations and hands-on practice. The key is to have an awareness of the tools and when to use them. In addition to software, there are hardware tools. Many of these are discussed in the article series entitled Tools of the Trade. Here is an article I wrote about it. There are basic technical criteria when dealing with technology in general that becomes second nature and it is put to use when learning new technologies or when discussing the capabilities of a particular technology. One example would be database field data types or data delimiters. A second example would be knowing various file formats and their limitations. Another example would be understanding the expected durations or timelines for each of the technologies. There are federal court rules in place, but very few rules at the lower court levels. Then there are the unofficial guidelines that are followed by some and not by others. Basically, a litigation support professional needs to have an understanding of what all of the various guidelines are and when they should be adhered to or when they can be considered subjective depending on the situation. From the point the data is collected, to the point where the data is made available for attorney review, there are a number of stages and options for each of those stages. Exceptions to this might be if there is proprietary data or unusual data which will cause strategy discussions to occur between technical folk and the attorneys. Quality checking and exceptions handling are key. Here is an article I wrote about hardcopy unitization. They are taught and learned over time. Researching and staying up to date with these categories of knowledge and what has worked for others in the industry is crucial. The knowledge gained in the categories mentioned above will need to be shared with the legal team in an accurate way. I believe the best way, in the beginning, to learn how to consult is to shadow a senior team member. Here is an article I wrote about shadowing and another article I wrote about how to be successful working with law firm partners. [Click To Tweet](#) I believe the categories listed above gives a newbie a good overview of the legal technology role within litigation support. It can definitely seem overwhelming to a newbie – there is so much to learn. There are many resources out there. I might also suggest that a newbie create an excellent list of questions in the categories above after doing the research and then request informational interviews with seasoned litigation support professionals to help fill in the knowledge gaps. A hiring manager wants confirmation that a newbie is taking it seriously and really wants the job opportunity. If you have any other thoughts or positive encouragement, please share them in the comments area below.

Chapter 5 : Litigation Support Guru - Litigation Support Training

Litigation Support Litigation costs can be staggering – both in legal expenditures and related business disruption. Identifying and locating critical evidence and testimony can make the difference between winning and losing a case.

Chapter 6 : Litigation Support Services | Legal Investigation Company | Nardello & Co. | We Find Out

Litigation support is the marriage of project management and technology. We believe that while every district is different

and every case is unique, there are certain.

Chapter 7 : What is Litigation Support? (with pictures)

The Litigation Support Project Manager is the primary contact for the litigation case team during the lifecycle of a project and is responsible for assisting attorneys and paralegals throughout all stages of the litigation lifecycle.

Chapter 8 : Litigation Support Professionals | National Litigation Support and Trial Presentation Services

You have a lot of information to move through the legal system. Our Litigation Support offerings – which include eDiscovery, data forensics, court submission solutions and managed review services – help you organize, analyze and present case materials as efficiently as possible.

Chapter 9 : Court Reporting and Litigation Support Services | Alderson Reporting

The KraftCPAs litigation support team is retained by leading law firms and their clients to assist with transaction advisory services, fraud investigations, forensic accounting, damages calculations, valuation disputes and other types of economic analysis.