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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As one of the nation's most experienced experts on legal fee matters whose entire legal career has focused around the handling and supervision of major litigation throughout the world, Steven Tasher evaluates the reasonableness of legal spend in complex litigation throughout the United States. He also serves as an advisor to major corporations and law firms on the development and implementation of billing guidelines, litigation budgeting, and bill review programs.

**AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Providing Expert Witness Analysis and Testimony in state and federal courts across the United States on the reasonableness of legal fees and expenses
- Assisting corporations with the creation and implementation of Litigation Budget and Support Programs
- Assisting corporations with the drafting and implementation of comprehensive, customized Outside Counsel Billing Guidelines
- Assisting International Corporations with the understanding of the U.S. legal system as applied to legal spend
- Conducting audits of legal spend through comprehensive, customized Bill Review Programs
- Serving as a Fee Dispute Mediator for law firms and corporations

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Wyeth (Madison, New Jersey), Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Principal Corporate Officer, and Senior Vice President, Pharmaceutical Division: Strategic worldwide responsibilities for five operating departments of the company as well as Associate General Counsel responsibilities. Staff of 265 located at Corporate and Division headquarters and plant sites throughout the world.
- 10 years of complex litigation experience at two international law firms. Served as Partner in Charge of the Environmental Practice group at both firms, and provided legal expertise on an international level to a wide range of corporate, banking, insurance, real estate and financial services clients.
- Served as Deputy Attorney General, Chief Counsel to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Commissioner of Agriculture. Supervised all environmental litigation and counseling for the State of New Jersey. Prosecuted several of the nation's landmark environmental matters.

**EDUCATION**

- J.D., The George Washington University, National Law Center (Washington, D.C.) (with Honors) – 1973
- B.A., Political Science, Rutgers University (Newark, New Jersey) (with Honors) – 1970

**BOARD POSITIONS**

- The George Washington University Law School – Member, Board of Advisors
- Cancer Hope Network – Member, Board of Trustees (Past President)
- Visiting Nurse Association of Northern NJ – Member, Board of Trustees

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- New Jersey Institute of Technology and Drew University – Adjunct Faculty Member
- “Distinguished Neutral” – International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution

**RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- January 18, 2018: Featured presenter at “Managing Legal Fees: Best Practices for In-House Counsel in the Ethics, Management and Recovery of Legal Fees” – sponsored by Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP in connection with the firm's Fourth Annual Fashion and Retail Summit (InFashion)
- January 10, 2018: Featured presenter at “Request for Proposal (“RFP”) Process: Structure, Substance and Additional Considerations for Corporate and Outside Counsel” – sponsored by the Practising Law Institute
- November 7, 2017: Featured presenter at “Legal Fees in Environmental, Citizen Suit, Class Action, and Other Litigation: Best Practices for In-House and Outside Counsel in Ethics, Case Management, and Communication” – Sponsored by Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP