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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As one of the nation's most experienced experts on legal fee matters whose entire career has focused around the handling and supervision of major litigation, Steven Tasher evaluates the reasonableness of legal spend and settlements in complex litigation throughout the United States and around the world. He also serves as an advisor to 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 and internationally on the reasonableness of legal fees/expenses and settlements
- Assisting corporations with the creation and implementation of Litigation Budget and Support Programs and 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

- Case Medical, Inc. (South Hackensack, NJ) – Currently serving as General Counsel to the company, supervising all litigation and regulatory actions involving the company, providing legal counsel on all aspects of company operations, and assisting with development/review of supply and quality contracts.
- 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 – Vice President, Board of Trustees (Past President)

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

- June 29, 2020: Featured Presenter at “Put it in Writing: Best Practices and Ethical Considerations When Negotiating, Drafting, and Enforcement Engagement Agreements” – sponsored by Lawline
- May 12, 2020: Featured Presenter at “Best Practices and Ethical Considerations when Navigating and Evaluating Litigation Settlements” – sponsored by Clear Law Institute
- May 11, 2020: Featured Presenter at “Put it in Writing: Best Practices and Ethical Considerations When Negotiating, Drafting, and Enforcement Engagement Agreements” – sponsored by Clear Law Institute