Metrics & KPIs

A comprehensive list of metrics for legal departments to consider tracking for performance & efficiency

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What Spend/Matter Metrics Can We Track?,

- % of legal spend to revenue
- · Internal v. external spend
- Budget to actual
- · Spend with specific firms
- Budget & accrual accuracy from OC
- OC savings by firm (YOY)
- Year-over-year trends
 - · Which BUs are driving OC spend
 - Types & volume of matters going to OC vs managed by in-house counsel or ALSP
- RFP v non-RFP firm spend/utilization
- Low-cost firm usage
- Spend by task codes, practice area, business unit and geography
- Firm rates & staffing:
 - Timekeeper rate increases over time (by timekeeper type)
 - Timekeeper utilization (by timekeeper type)

- AFA usage and adherence to AFA or % of deviation from AFA
- Diversity: specifically, who is getting the origination on cases and at what level
- · Litigation exposure
- · Cost per matter/matter type
- Unit (i.e., hourly) matter costs
- Quality and outcomes
- Matter cycle time
- Matter complexity; # of high-risk/reputational risk matters
- Total cost of resolution
- Communications/timeliness
- Administration/adherence to guidelines
- Is OC keeping their promises on rebates?
- Total settlements & reserves
- Lessons learned
- Other external spend



What Contracting Metrics Should Be Tracked?

- Open matters (by attorney)
- Types of agreement (to see which are most common agreements worked on:
 - TCV, GBU, region/country and complexity (L, M, H)
- Time to close a matter/cycle time
 - Turn-around-Time
- Key dates pricing, cancellations, key provisions
- Closed matters (by attorney)
- Rating of experience
 - E.g., CRM sends follow-up e-mail to the client for feedback on the experience
- Volume/contract type, workload (by resource)

- Agreements that "never close"
 - E.g., look at the open matters and see which ones we end up closing – that will show where we might "waste our time" on matters that never close)
- LSO Legal Services Outsourcing
 - If an LSO is used, how many procurement contracts do they handle on a monthly basis? What type? What region?
- · % of "standard" versus negotiated
 - If they are standard, atty's should not be doing
- Provisional "hot spots"
 - Potential candidates for language/policy revisions



What Contracting Metrics Should Be Tracked?

- Contract Cycle Time (Aging) Insights:
 - Total contract cycle time monthly
 - # of contracts by aging days (i.e., how many contracts had a cycle time of 0-1 days; 2-3 days; 4-5 days;
 >30 days)
 - · Aging cycle time by contract entry type
 - · Approve & store
 - Approve, eSign & store
 - eSign & store
- Total value of contracts (active)
- Total # of contracts pending contract approval
- Total # of contracts pending signature

- # of contracts expiring in 60/90/120 days
- Contract expiration type
 - i.e. evergreen, single date, life of product, etc.
- # of contracts on litigation hold
- # of contracts that have been terminated (vs. expired)
- # of contracts that deviate from standard payment terms
- Contracts by hierarchy (parent vs. child)
- Contracts by deal/business owner
- # of contracts by country





What IP Metrics Can We Track?

- · Time spent per employee innovating
- Cost to support innovation initiatives (i.e. inventor incentives, contests, tools, staff, etc.)
- Number of inventions generated
- Time to complete (i.e., efficiency of) the invention disclosure process
- Patent application costs
- Quality of invention disclosures (number of iterations; prosecution costs; rate of issuance)
- Revenue generated from sales of products using patented assets
- Revenue opportunity generated from licensing

- Patent annuity expenses compared with revenue performance per jurisdiction
- Paralegal and related administrative expenses for internal intellectual property team
- Cost of tools and technology used to manage intellectual property legal processes
- Costs of outside intellectual property counsel compared with results
- Time to complete each step of the intellectual property process
- · Labor and resource utilization at each stage
- Drop off rate of an intellectual property asset's progression (and associated costs)





What Privacy Metrics Can We Track?

- · Average privacy document "age"
- Number of days between on-boarding and completion of basic privacy and security training
- Number of privacy risks that are outstanding after allocated mitigation period
- Number of completed privacy assessments
- Number of incidents tracked by origin; by organizational unit; by project; by security level
- Mean time to initiate response to an incident
- Mean time to complete response to an incident

- Percentage of organizational budget dedicated to privacy
- Percentage of privacy personnel with recognized privacy certifications
- · Percentage of staff receiving privacy training
- Average cost of an incident
- Percentage of "high-sensitivity" solutions with encryption, anonymization or pseudonymization capabilities
- Percentage of "high-sensitivity" solutions with monitored audit trails





What Al Metrics Can We Track?

Governance & Risk

- % of GAI use cases approved through formal governance
- % of GAI-related policy violations
- % of incidents tied to misuse or hallucination
- Risk assessment score per Al tool or use case
- Time to identify and mitigate Al-related compliance issues
- % of GAI outputs reviewed by humans before client delivery

Productivity & Efficiency

- Time saved per matter using GAI
- Reduction in time to draft standard documents
- Average cycle time: GAI-assisted vs traditional workflows
- Volume of Al-assisted work products per quarter
- % of legal work assisted by GAI

Adoption & Usage

- User adoption rate by team/BU
- Number of use cases in active deployment
- Number of custom AI tools created by team
- GAI training completion rate
- Prompts submitted/month per platform







Data Privacy & Security

- % of GAI tools with DPAs in place
- % of privacy/security issues tied to GAI
- Completeness of GAI audit logs
- Compliance of GAI tools with encryption/retention policies

Quality & Outcomes

- Accuracy rate of GAI-generated outputs
- % of outputs requiring rework
- Client satisfaction with GAI-influenced deliverables
- Favorable outcomes supported by GAI

Spend Management

- GAI licensing costs vs realized ROI
- Reduction in external counsel spend due to GAI
- Cost savings per matter type from GAI use
- Cost per GAI document/request





What Other Metrics Can We Track?

Matter

- Total matters
- Matter types (YOY)
- Matters by location and/or BU
- Matters by practice group
- Average time to resolve

Headcount/Staffing

- Open reqs, location, practice group
- No. of admin, attorney, legal professional, & paralegal (YOY)
- % of total employees by location
- % of total employees by practice group
- Attrition rates
- Allocation of workload
- Diversity Statistics

Ethics & Compliance

- Total matters
- Matter types (YOY)
- · Matters by location and/or BU
- · Matters by practice group
- · Reporting method used
- · Root cause
- % of E&C matters found to have substance
- Resolution cycle time

Miscellaneous

- # of client trainings performed
- Client feedback





What KPIs Should We Use?

Matter/Spend

- Favorable outcomes
- Total legal spend as a % of revenue
- Invoice reduction spend
- Total settlements/judgments paid

Risk/Ethics & Compliance

- Risk mitigation
- Cost of unanticipated risk
- Cost avoidance
- Number of internal trainings & litigation cost reduction
- Number of legal, regulatory, legislative, & environmental updates
- Litigation risk assessment report
- Non-regulatory fines/penalties

Headcount/Staffing

- Internal staff workload
- Diversity

Miscellaneous

- Internal customer satisfaction
- Strengthen vendor relations
- Contract compliance and standard terms



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