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THE QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1. Please give us the following contact information
 - A. Name:
 - B. Law Firm:
 - C. Work Title:
 - D. Email Address:
 - E. Phone Number:
- 2. Age of Respondent
 - A. Under 30
 - B. 30-39
 - C. 40-49
 - D. 50-59
 - E. 60 or Over
- 3. Gender of Respondent
 - A. Male
 - B. Female
- 4. Number of Lawyers in the Firm
 - A. 25-49
 - B. 50-99
 - C. 100-200
 - D. More than 200
- 5. Work Title of Respondent
 - A. Partner
 - B. Associate
 - C. Associate, non-partner track or contract lawyer
 - D. Of Counsel
 - E. Other (please specify)
- 6. What percentage of your work time would you say is accounted for by work on litigation?
- 7. In what area of the law would you say you are most adept and expert? (i.e real estate law, bankruptcy, employment law, intellectual property personal injury, maritime law, etc.)

- 8. How many hours did you bill on each of the days specified: If you did not bill any hours on these days you should still answer the question and put 0 in each box.
 - A. the most recent Saturday
 - B. the most recent Sunday
- 9. How many hours did you bill on each of the holiday or special days specified: If you did not bill any hours on these days you should still answer the question and put 0 in each box.
 - A. Christmas Day
 - B. Christmas Eve
 - C. Thanksgiving Day
 - D. Black Friday (the day after
 - E. Thanksgiving)
 - F. Memorial Day
 - G. New Year's Day
 - H. the 4th of July
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- 14. How many vacation days did you take (take, not receive or compile) in the past year?
- 15. During your vacation days in the past year did you do any work that resulted in billable hours?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 16. How many total billable hours did you work during your vacation days in the past year?

- 17. Which phrase would you say best describes your firm's and your own attitude towards your working on holidays or during vacations?
 - A. Holidays and vacations are not luxuries I can afford given my work load
 - B. I often work at least part time on holidays and during vacations
 - C. The firm welcomes work in critical situations but otherwise discourages work on holidays or during vacations
 - D. Everyone needs a rest and you are encouraged to take vacations and not work on holidays
- 18. How do you think your firm's policies towards work on weekends or work on holidays or during vacations might be improved, if at all?

SURVEY METHODOLOGY & SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS

The Survey of American Lawyers at Major Law Firms is a survey of partners, associates, of counsel and contract lawyers with law firms in the United States with at least 25 lawyers. The Survey of American Lawyers at Major Law Firms excludes lawyers working for government, private corporations that are not law firms, law professors, and all law firms with fewer than 25 lawyers Many Primary Research Group surveys are international in scope; however, only law firms in the United States are included in this survey.

The survey schema is based on the following formula: 60% of the organizations in the sample are drawn from law firms with 20-49 lawyers; 20% of the organizations in the sample are drawn from law firms with 50-100 partners and 20% of the sample is drawn from law firms with more than 100 lawyers.

520 law firms were randomly chosen and lawyers in these organizations were randomly sampled. Not all law firms and individuals are approached to participate in each study and there is some diversity in the sample from study to study. The sampling is stratified by the three target size categories above; these categories were further sub-divided by state, according to the number of law firms found in the state, and served as a quota system for random selection within quotas defined by firm size and geographic origin. The sample size for this study was 104 law firms and 256 lawyers.

The Survey of American Lawyers at Major Law Firms never asks its survey base about particular cases that a firm has participated in or about particular clients of a firm. Data is presented in the aggregate or in sub-groupings defined by the characteristics of the individuals and firms in the sample. Responses to some open ended questions are listed individually but anonymously.

Names of individual respondents are confidential. The names of the law firms for which individual respondents work is listed in an appendix to give survey users a better idea of the types of firms in the sample. However, lawyers are approached individually and not through any institutional arrangement with their law firm. Listing of a firm does not claim or imply any decision by an institution to participate in this survey, or imply an endorsement in any way of our products or findings.

Since the sample is chosen through random selection we cannot honor any requests for individuals who may want to participate but who have not received an invitation. This is not a reflection on any individual or firm but simply dictated by the survey methodology.