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**THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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   2. Organization:
   3. Title
   4. Email Address:
2. Age
3. Under 30
4. 30-39
5. 40-49
6. 50-59
7. 60 or Over
8. Gender
9. Male
10. Female
11. The number of lawyers in the firm
12. Less than 25
13. 25-49
14. 50-99
15. 100-200
16. More than 200
17. Professional Title
18. Partner
19. Associate
20. Of Counsel
21. Other (please specify)
22. Self-Perceived Skill in Legal Research
23. Don't really know how to evaluate my skills
24. Not really very proficient
25. Can't say I am really information search savvy but know the basics
26. I consider myself pretty information savvy
27. I am the information search go-to-person others come to for help
28. Have you asked a law firm library librarian or other library personnel for assistance of any kind in the past year?
29. Yes
30. No
31. If so how many times have you asked for assistance of any kind?
32. How many times per month would you say that you visit the law firm library's physical location?
33. What is your law firm library's great deficiency?
34. If there is one thing that your law firm library could do much better what would that be?
35. Which phrase best reflects your view of the future of the firm's library and its librarians?
36. An expendable cost center in the digital age
37. A useful tool to assure the flow of critical information as long as costs are kept down
38. A critical resource that cautiously merits more investment to create more advantages for the firm
39. Rate the overall quality of the following facets of your law firm library:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Excellent | Good | Acceptable | Problematic | Bad |
| Range of Databases Available |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quality of Training to Master Legal Info Searching |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overall Quality of the firm's librarians |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range and Quality of Legal Journals Available |  |  |  |  |  |
| Legal Research and Information Literacy Training for New Hires |  |  |  |  |  |
| Library Staff Speed in Responding to Requests |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost Effectiveness of Maintaining the Library |  |  |  |  |  |

1. In general when you are doing legal research you would:
2. Prefer almost everything in digital or online formats
3. Like to have paper copies as well as digital access
4. Prefer to use paper resources as much as possible
5. When learning to use or to better use a legal database you would prefer to:
6. Work on it myself
7. Ask another lawyer
8. View a video or online tutorial
9. Take a short class
10. Arrange a one-on-one tutorial with a librarian
11. The three most critical information resources for me are:
12. Hiring more librarians for full or part time work at your firm would be:
13. A good investment for the firm
14. A bad investment for the firm
15. Reducing the size or hours worked of the library staff at your firm would be:
16. A good idea
17. A bad idea
18. What percentage of your total time at work would you say is accounted for by legal research?
19. Which of the following research platforms are most important to you?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Critical | Important | Useful | Could do Without | Do not Need it |
| Bloomberg |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lexis |  |  |  |  |  |
| Westlaw |  |  |  |  |  |

**LIST OF THE LAW FIRMS OF THE SURVEY PARTICIPANTS**

Adams & Reese, LLP

Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing

Bell Davis Pitt

Bernstein Shur Sawyer & Nelson

Best Best & Krieger LLP

Blank Rome LLP

Borgelt, Powell, Peterson & Frauen

Bowles Rice

Burns White

Burr & Forman

Cassiday Schade LLP

Chamberlain Hrdlicka

Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel

Cooper Levenson

Cole Scott & Kissane, PA

Collins and Lacey

Conner & Winters, LLP

Crowley Fleck

Davis Brown Koehn Shors & Roberts, P.C.

Davis Brown Law Firm

Dickie McCamey & Chilcote

Duane Morris LLP

Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP

Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP

Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C.

Godwin Lewis

Goldberg Segalla

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Gust Rosenfeld, PLC

Holland & Hart

Hunter Maclean, Exley & Dunn

Husch Blackwell LLP

Jackson Lewis PC

Jones Day

Kastner Westman & Wilkins

Kaufman & Canoles, PC

Klein DeNatale Goldner

Kotz Sangster Wysocki

Kutak Rock LLP

Leecth Tisman

Liskow and Lewis

Loeb & Loeb

Lommen Abdo

Mayer Brown LLP

Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.

Mintz Levin

MoFo

Morgan & Pottinger, PSC

Morrison & Foerster LLP

Murchison & Cumming

Murphy Desmond

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.

Orr & Reno

Parr Brown Gee & Loveless

Peckar & Abramson

Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch

Robinson Waters & O'Dorisio, P.C.

Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell

Sands Anderson PC

Scheef & Stone, LLP

Scopelitis Garvin Light Hanson & Feary

Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP

Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP

Sills Cummis & Gross, P.C.

Simmons Hanly & Conroy

Sirote & Permutt, P.C.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Snell and Wilmer

Sorling Northrup

Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC

Stites & Harbison

Strauss Troy LPA

Sugarman Rogers Barshak & Cohen PC

Taft Stettinus & Hollister, LLP

Thacker Martinsek LPA

Van Cott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy

Vandeventer Black LLP

Venable LLP

Vogel Law Firm

Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP

Williams Mullen

Wilson Elser

Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP

Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe

**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 25-49 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.

480 law firms were randomly chosen as a frame 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 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. 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.