

CONTRACT REVIEW

Client –US based Electrical Products and Tools Manufacturing Company.

Reviewed and drafted Enterprise Software License and Maintenance Agreement on the basis of the Review Checklist as provided by the Client so as to redline and show changes in consonance with the checklist. All relevant legal implications had to be looked into primarily from the Company's point of view.

LITIGATION SUPPORT

Client: – US based Law Firm

Platform: - Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw Databases

Our client had a reasonable apprehension that the privileged information, which he divulged during the course of discussions of the parallel cause of action, would be used unethically and prejudicially against our client's interest in the instant suit. The records clearly demonstrated that Plaintiff's attorney was engaged in privileged discussions and was provided with confidential information on the personal and business history of our client.

We drafted Defendant's motion to disqualify Plaintiff's attorney and his law firm for breach of duties and breach of attorney client privileges.

LITIGATION SUPPORT

Client –US based Immigration law firm

Platform - Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw Databases.

Drafted a Motion to Reopen in a decision on an asylum case on the basis that the Respondent was not given a meaningful opportunity to rebut the allegations in the decision made by USCIS, due to the failure of DHS to provide the record timely. Reviewed and analyzed various documents relating to the case and then each event or action was placed in a chronological order followed by the legal arguments.

LEGAL BACK-OFFICE SUPPORT

Client- World's largest exchange company headquartered in New York City that delivers trading, exchange technology and public company services.

Legal Circle provides support in reviewing the Change Requests (CRs) from different business areas and incorporating them in the common set of rules known as NOREX Member Rules (NMR) in a time-bound process. Legal Circle also provides reviewing and editing services in the NMR, as required by the client.

MARKET RESEARCH

Client – UK Based Law Firm

Conducted market research into the world's largest diversified mining groups which is also world leader in platinum, diamonds, coal, copper and iron ore.

The project comprised of in-depth research into financial, legal and transactional details of the company, including Competitor and SWOT analysis.

FREEDOM-TO-OPERATE (RIGHT TO USE) STUDY

Client– A Fortune 500 Company

Platform- WIPO database, India Patent Office, TIFAC, Big Patents,

Technology Domain- Residential Security System

The client wanted to launch product in a particular market. The objective of the present study was to evaluate the degree of freedom available to the client to use a particular technology related to the said field. This project was directed to search in the said jurisdiction for granted patents and published applications that existed in the field of client's product.

The study was conducted using the most relevant keywords and search strings. Further, certain competitor, Assignees/Applicants most active in the field of the technology were considered for the search by company name.

A survey of existing granted patents and published application in the relevant technological domain was also conducted. More than 150 PDF documents, published by the appropriate Patent Office, were searched for relevant Assignees and Keywords. Each document contained 500-2300 pages, detailing the applications published and patents granted by the said Patent Office.

The study helped the client determine if the product was going to infringe any valid patents and published applications. The client was able to take decisions regarding licensing of patents and making modifications to the product. The study also helped the client identify technology covered by patents already expired or lapsed, and now free for use.

PRIOR ART SEARCH

Client –US Multi national

Platform- Micro patent, Delphion, USPTO database, Espacenet, EPO database,

Technology Domain –Business method on internet solution for legal services

Reviewed 750 patent prior art documents.

Compiled patent prior art review report document such that specific prior art relating to the client's proposed invention. The comprehensive patent search report also included date of application, stage of grant, opposition, rejection etc. Other important heads of the report included details of Inventor, Assignees, Application No., Priority date, Issued Date, Patent Expired On, relevant patent documents, Abstract, Summary of Invention, List of Patents using similar methods, Patents Related with the said client competitor or client competitor affiliates, Brief synopsis of Listed Patents, Ratings of Listed Patents, Points of correlation, Correlation in Claims.

PATENT APPLICATION DRAFTING

Client– A Germany based law firm

Platform- MS Word, using Patent Optimizer

Technology Domain – Business Method Patent

The client engaged us for drafting a patent application in the electro-mechanical engineering domain, in the field of piezoelectric materials. The client had to file the complete patent application at the USPTO and later at the EPO also. We were given a turnaround time of 1 month for the first draft of the patent application.

After receiving the relevant documents pertaining to the invention disclosure we analyzed the invention and made a team of patent professionals from our resource pool. The team consisted of include a project manger, domain expert drafts person, a patent agent, and an additional domain expert for addition quality review.

After understanding the disclosure, a first set of claims was prepared by the drafts person, reviewed by the project manager and further quality-checked by the additional domain expert. This draft was sent to the client for comments and the prompt feedback was incorporated. The final claim set was run-through by the client.

Thereafter, a first draft of the complete application was prepared and quality checked within 2 weeks and sent for client's feedback and necessary style changes.

The finished work product was a quality patent application that included abstract, background, claims, drawings, and the complete specifications. The project was completed to the client's satisfaction, within the required timeframe.

CASE FACTS:

Level of complexity: Easy to Medium

Claims: 3 Independent claims, Total 18 claims

Drawings: 6 PowerPoint illustrations

No. of hours billed: 75

PATENTABILITY SEARCH AND ASSESSMENT

Client: A US based Pharmaceutical Company.

Platform: Patent Search (Delphion, Micropatent) and Non Patent Literature (Science Direct, Pubmed)

Technology Domain: Cancer Supportive care medicines.

The objective of the study was to conduct a patentability search for the biopharmaceutical product of the client and provide a patentability opinion for the invention.

The study was carried out by conducting a search for the most relevant patent documents and the non-patent literature. The most appropriate keywords and search strings were used to carry out the search.

About 400 patent documents were retrieved and around 8 documents were identified as closely related to the invention. Similarly, the non-patent literature search was conducted and about 40 abstracts were retrieved. These documents were thoroughly reviewed and finally 22 documents were short listed as closely related to the invention.

A search summary was provided to the client along with patentability assessment opinion.

PATENT LANDSCAPE

Client- A fortune 500 Automation and Control Company

Platform- Micro patent, Delphion

Technology Domain – Electricity Demand Side Management

The objective of the project was to prepare a patent landscape on Electricity Demand Side Management to help the client in key decisions in new product development, R&D planning and strategic development.

The comprehensive study was carried out by conducting a search for the most relevant patent documents with the most appropriate keywords and search strings appropriate to the field.

About 400 patent documents were retrieved and around 90 relevant documents were extracted as closely related to the invention. Finally the report was generated which included graphical representation for the fields like publication year, priority date, major companies, market distribution and technology involved.

LITIGATION SUPPORT

Client –UK based law firm

Platform- Client EXEL. Document and Pdf. files of scanned Police Disclosure Documents, interviews, depositions, witness statements.

Reviewed and analyzed witness statements, Police Disclosure Documents relating to a criminal case in the UK, consisting of a huge volume of data and then each event or action was placed in a chronological order with a view for that data to be juxtaposed into the various sub-generic analysis schedules. Prepared detailed Case Chronologies and an Exhibit Summary Schedules based upon the information provided.

Further a detailed schedule of Chris reports was prepared with comments and analysis so as to provide the client with a basic overview of the case and various events involved.

PROJECT/PFI SECTOR BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

Client: Silver circle UK law firm

Platform -Online databases and scanned news reports pdf documents and words documents.

Reviewed several thousand documents relating to relevant government policy, opposition stand, market trends, news, research articles, and industry reports.

Main areas covered included generally issues and information related to Public Finance Initiative, the Health sector in UK, the waste management sector and the government PFI initiative building schools for the future.

The final Sector Background report included the following main heads;

- Market Overview -general and client's position
- Market trends- Industry trends and Corporate trends
- Forecasts- Industry forecasts and Corporate forecasts
- Key Players in the Market
- Main competitors and existing client Information
- Further research possibilities.

COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

Client: Mid size UK law firm

Platform -Online databases and scanned news reports pdf documents and words documents

Reviewed and analyzed several thousand press coverage documents in the Lawyer and Legal Week from May 2006 to Dec 2006, identifying trends across the areas of management and strategy, client news, joiners and leavers and publications.

Focusing on 13 competitors out of our list of 'silver circle' and 'contenders' (those firms just below the silver circle).

A competitor review document sent to the client for internal review purposes identifying some of the key challenges that the client faces and should address if it wants to 'punch above its weight' and move itself up the ranks towards a position of 'leading business law firm'.

The challenges identified included :

- Deciding whether the client wish to engage the legal media more if it want to achieve the same results as its competitor firms in this particular market
- Continue its work to establish an effective system for deal reporting across the firm in order to increase the volume of deals information collated by the PR team
- Rather than accepting that the 'exclusivity' policy operated by Legal Week and the Lawyer in relation to deals will result in relatively low deals coverage in these publications. In contrast the client could improve its deals coverage in other legal press and, more importantly, in the sector and national press.
- The client should consider putting forward an application next year for the 'Sunday Times 100 Best Companies to Work For' survey as this may provide a win for the client both internally and externally.
- Identifying and acting upon opportunities to promote itself in the legal press, particularly off the back of publications or press coverage the client has achieved elsewhere (e.g. simultaneously promoting an article in the sector and legal press)

DUEDILIGENCE SUPPORT

Client: European Oil major

Platform- Online secure document data room

Reviewed a million documents mainly consisting of several thousand agreements entered into by the subject company being acquired by the client for issues of regulatory compliance, liability, litigation, labor disputes etc.

Final due diligence report sent to the client. This was supplemented with contracts review report document comprising of the necessary comments on each of the agreements and highlighting the agreements and the relevant clauses that had a bearing on the rights and liabilities of the client company with reasons and comments of the reviewer.

PERSONAL INJURY

Client: US Attorney

Platform: Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw Databases

After reviewing the documents sent by the Client, drafted a complaint on behalf of the Plaintiff seeking damages for the injury caused.

Drafted Plaintiff's objection to Defendant's Request for Second Medical Examination and Motion for Protective Order incorporating the following:

- Objecting the examining physician taking or performing any x-rays, MRI, CT scans or other evasive or non-evasive testing. The Defendant can obtain previously taken MRIs, x-rays and other tests from the applicable health care provider and supply the reports, film or results to the Defendant's examining physician.
- Objecting to any request or requirement that the plaintiff obtained and transport original or copies of previously taken MRI films, x-rays, or other medical records or test results. The Defendant can obtain previously taken MRIs, x-rays and other tests from the applicable health care providers and supply the films to their examining physician.
- Requesting that the plaintiff, his/her attorney or another representative be permitted to videotape and/or have a court reporter present during any medical examination authorized by this Court.
