

Strategic Litigation Against Government (SLAG)

Three Buyer Considerations
When Purchasing SLAG Legal Services

Introduction

- Attorney Erick G. Kaardal biography webpage:
<https://www.mklaw.com/attorney/kaardal-erick-g/>
- Strategic Litigation Against Government Deck:
<https://www.mklaw.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/1303739/2024/06/Strategic-Litigation-Against-Government.pdf>
- 68 Election Integrity Successes:
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- Does the law firm and your lawyer have the necessary litigation experience including suing the government?
- Does the law firm and your lawyer have the right values?
- Does the law firm have conflicts of interest?

Westlaw Searches Can Help You Answer the Buyer's Questions

- Westlaw is an online legal research service and proprietary database for lawyers and legal professionals available in over 60 countries.
- Westlaw searches can be conducted to determine a lawyer's or law firm's experience in the courtroom.
 - Westlaw searches (AT("[name of attorney"]));
(AT(["name of law firm"]))
 - Review cases: # of cases; # of cases suing government; # of successful cases suing government; # of successful cases suing government in your subject area

Westlaw Example

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Shows SLAG Experience

Case type	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	Federal	State*	Total
Civil Rights Claims Against Government	5	10	6	8	21	3	53	0	53
Other Administrative & Government Claims	3	1	2	1	3	0	9	1	10
Other Civil Lawsuits	6	20	71	4	10	0	110	1	111

Note: This is the result of a Westlaw research inquiry. State district court cases and administrative cases are not completely incorporated into Westlaw. So, the number of state court and administrative cases is underreported in Westlaw.

Does the law firm have the necessary litigation experience suing the government?

- Purchasing SLAG legal services for your project is like selecting a surgeon for a major operation
- Does the law firm have the necessary SLAG experience suing the government.
- Do your westlaw research on the SLAG vendor's SLAG experience
 - Westlaw searches (AT("[name of attorney"])); (AT(["name of law firm"])
 - Review cases: # of cases; # of cases suing government; # of successful cases suing government; # of successful cases suing government in your subject area
- Mohrman Kaardal & Erickson PA has the necessary SLAG experience

Does the law firm have the right values?

- Purchasing SLAG legal services for your project should lead to a collaborative, long-run relationship.
- Does the law firm have the right values?
 - Check SLAG vendor's mission and values statement via their website.
 - Check specifics about your lawyer via website.
 - Ask for relevant references to check via in person or remote interviews.
 - Run Westlaw search to see law firm's cases to check for consistency with law firm's mission and values statement.
 - Parties the law firm represents
 - Lawsuits brought by the law firm
 - Lawsuits by the lawyer(s) under consideration.
 - Mohrman Kaardal & Erickson has the right values to sue the government. See <https://www.mklaw.com/> website.

Does the law firm have conflicts of interest?

- Screening for conflicts of interest should occur prior to retention of a law firm.
- Does the law firm have conflicts of interest?
 - Screen firm website for mission and practice categories such as government contracts, government law and policy, government agency representation and any promotional news articles identifying clients in this area. All these areas represent major conflicts of interest.
 - Smaller private independent firms without conflicts of interest represent best fit.
 - Run Westlaw searches (AT("[name of attorney"]); (AT(["name of law firm"]))
 - Review cases:
 - Does the law firm have governmental clients (e.g., bond counsel for states, counties, municipalities, school districts)?
 - Does the law firm have commercial clients with governmental contracts (e.g., clients with government consulting contracts)?
 - Does the law firm have commercial clients requiring government licenses or approvals (e.g., federal, state or local approval of business or property transactions)?
- Mohrman Kaardal & Erickson PA have a policy of not representing clients who would create a conflict of interest for lawsuits against the government.

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