Five things cost-effective legal departments do right

1. Standardize legal work

23% less legal spend in departments that have a high standardization of legal work.

2. Hire dedicated legal operations specialists

30% less legal spend in departments with legal operations capabilities.

3. Invest in training

2x the amount of the in-house budget allocated to training by lower-cost legal departments on average, as compared to higher-cost legal departments.

4. Consolidate law firms

55% fewer firms are used by lower-cost legal departments than the median legal department.

5. Allocate more work in-house

54.9% of legal’s budget is allocated in-house by low-cost legal departments versus 47.2% for high-cost legal departments.

Cost-Effective Legal Department: Lower-cost legal departments are those departments in the lowest quartile of spend within their Gartner TruePeer group. These departments spend comparatively less than their peers when managing a similar volume and portfolio of work.

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