

**University Counsel Outside Legal Expenses, FY 23-24**

The Oregon Institute of Technology Office of University Counsel is staffed by one in-house attorney. Each year, the Oregon Tech General Counsel engages outside counsel for legal services that either require specialized legal expertise (e.g., intellectual property, employer visa applications, labor law) or generally require more time than can be capably handled by one in-house attorney among their other responsibilities (e.g., litigation and complex transactions). The amount expended typically varies based on the number, type, and nature of the legal matters arising during the course of a given year.

During FY23-24, Oregon Tech spent approximately \$143,577 on outside legal services, inclusive of all attorneys’ fees, filings fees, and other costs associated with services rendered.

This information is provided in fulfillment of the university’s obligations under SB355 (2023). That legislation also requires the university to identify the number of litigation matters handled by outside counsel where such reporting does not reveal attorney-client privileged information, or information otherwise protected by law or other confidentiality rules. During FY 2023-24, five (5) litigation/defense claims matters were handled by outside counsel.

The fees by matter type were expended as follows:

