

Post-Settlement Obligations in Software Settlements

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Agenda

- Negotiating Legal Issues in Software Settlements
- Understanding Terms of Software
 Settlements
- Post-settlement obligations and deadlines
- Remediation Efforts
- Ongoing Software Asset Management



Negotiating Legal Issues in Software Settlements

- Who is the auditor?
 - BSA, SIIA, or software publisher
- Different terms may be negotiable depending on the auditor and license agreement



Negotiating Legal Issues in Software Settlements

- Critical Terms During Negotiation Phase
 - Release
 - Confidentiality
 - Remediation
- Impact on settlement payment



Understanding Settlement Terms

- Release of liability depends on the following provisions:
 - Settlement payment
 - Post-settlement remediation
 - Documentation varies
 - Future compliance



Understanding Settlement Terms

- License agreements and settlement agreements:
 - Superseding terms
 - Audit Provision
 - Remediation requirements



Post-Settlement obligations and deadlines

- BSA/SIIA remediation requirements:
 - 45-60 days, negotiable
 - Schedules



Post-Settlement obligations and deadlines

- Remediation and procurement
 - Uninstall or Purchase Licenses
- Procurement
 - Where and when to purchase
- Confirm valid licenses for use case



Remediation Efforts: Common Licensing Issues

- Over-deployment or improper use of properly licensed products.
- Licenses not in company name.
- Illegitimate software.



Remediation Efforts

- Consider alternative licensing
 - Enterprise, Cloud-based, Subscriptions
- Record-keeping
 - Ensure accurate records retained



Ongoing Software Asset Management

- Employee Confidentiality Agreements
- Software Use Policy
- Routine Self-audits
- Procurement process
- Record Maintenance
- Administrative Rights and Restrictions
- Identify Authorized Resellers



Questions?



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