

See Sandra T.-E. v. Sperlik, No. 05 C 473, 2012 WL 1107845, at *2 (N.D. Ill. Apr. 1, 2012). Finally, Mr. Zolna's performance in court on this issue does not warrant an hourly rate of \$600 per hour.

Mr. Dzananovic has only been practicing law for two years. It is also unclear if he has any experience in civil rights law. Based on his lack of experience, an hourly rate of \$300 is unreasonable. Instead, the Court will reimburse his time at \$175 per hour.

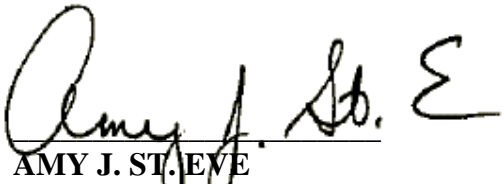
II. Hours Reasonably Expended

Both Mr. Zolna and Mr. Dzananovic attended court on the motion to strike at issue. The appearance of both attorneys was duplicative, especially because Mr. Dzananovic did not participate in the arguments in court. Accordingly, the Court strikes Mr. Dzananovic's time for the court hearings on September 3 and 4, 2015¹. The Court also strikes Mr. Zolna's time for the September 4, 2015 court appearance given his unprofessional, unproductive conduct in court. The Court addressed his conduct on the record and need not elaborate further here.

In addition, work spent on preparing a fee petition is generally not recoverable unless the prevailing party is forced to litigate the fee petition. *See Ratliff v. City of Chicago*, No. 10 C 0739, 2013 WL 3418070, at *6 (N.D. Ill. July 8, 2013); *Sughayyer v. City of Chicago*, No. 09 C 4350, 2012 WL 2359065, at *7 (N.D. Ill. June 20, 2012). As such, the Court strikes the September 11, 2015 entry of 1.20 hours spent preparing the fee petition.

Therefore, the Court awards fees for 7.5 hours of Mr. Zolna's time at \$375 per hour, and 3.5 hours of Mr. Dzananovic's time at \$175 per hour, for a total of \$3,425. Defendant must pay this amount on or before October 16, 2015.

Dated: September 22, 2015


AMY J. ST. EVE
United States District Court Judge

¹ The fee petition incorrectly reflects that both court hearings were on September 3, 2015. Instead, one was on September 3 and one was on September 4, 2015. (R. 160, 161.)