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Who am I?

- Attorney since 2004
- Twenty years in private criminal defense practice
- Retained and CJA cases in Federal Courts since 2005
- CJA Panel Attorney in both Western District of Missouri and District of Kansas

What do I do?

- Help you in developing case budgets for complex and extended, mega discovery, multi-defendant, and capital cases
- Help you get the funding for needed resources
- Help you in methods of cost containment
- Help try to make your job easier
- I am here to help you.

Why do budgets?

- Good way to develop litigation plan and identify needs early in case
- Helps to streamline process and manage expectations
- Provides clarity to Court on amount of work involved and helps monitor costs

When to contact me?

- Early in the process
- Before you have done the work
- Do not prepare anything just call me first
- Capital or potential capital case
- Expect to bill more than 300 attorney hours
- The case has a complex or extended designation
- Large volume discovery (hard drives, terabytes etc.)
- Want to use multiple service providers
- When in doubt, just call or email to discuss

Where can you reach me?

- Phone (314)917-3932
- Email Mark_Thomason@ca8.uscourts.gov
- Call or email anytime!