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How two law firms split the tab for the Justice Department police probe

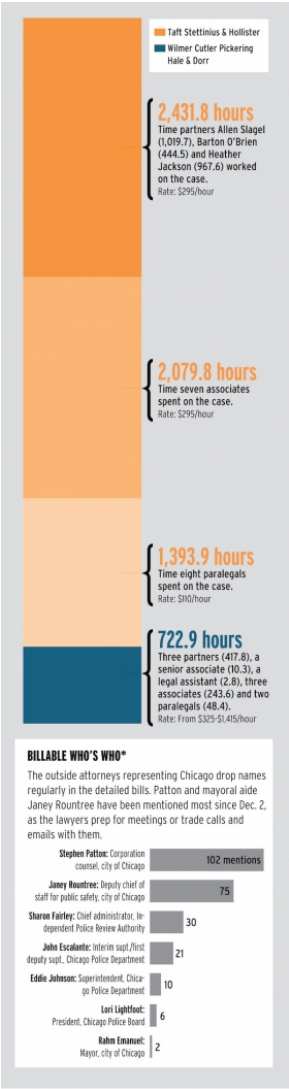
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Chicago's legal bill for federal scrutiny of Police Department practices here crossed the \$2 million mark in August. Chicago's legal bill for the U.S. Department of Justice's scrutiny of policing practices crossed the \$2 million mark in August. Top city lawyer Stephen Patton said nine months ago he wasn't "going to pay Wilmer Hale rates to do anything that I can have one of our local firms do," and in fact the invoices show the elite Washington, D.C., firm has logged just 11 percent of the total hours on the investigation.

**Note:** \*This list excludes mention from the law firms' three most recent invoices.

Sources: Invoices from Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr and Taft Stettinius & Hollister



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