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Division.

ALLIANCE TO END REPRESSION, Plaintiff,
v.
CITY OF CHICAGO, Defendant.

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Opinion

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

ANN C. WILLIAMS, District Judge.

*1 The court grants Mr. Gutman's fee petition in its entirety. Mr. Gutman's hourly rate of \$225/hour is well within the market rate for an attorney with his experience. The court agrees with Mr. Gutman that previous billing rates may be a guide, but are not a ceiling to later rates in a free market. Mr. Gutman's experience as well as his consistently superb briefs easily justify his hourly rate.

The court rejects the City's objection to time spent on a post-hearing brief before Magistrate Lefkow. As the transcript submitted by Mr. Gutman demonstrates, it was at best unclear whether or not the Magistrate wanted Mr. Gutman to file a brief. He should be compensated for complying with the court's apparent request. The City's other objections are meritless.

The court grants Mr. Gutman's fee petition of \$62,921.26 for himself and \$2,910.00 for Linda Fisher.