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SEAL Economic Brief

What One 30-Day Final-Submit Review Makes Measurable

Wrong-Authority Filing Risk Before a Filing Leaves Your Firm

A bounded economic case for evaluating one authority control before deciding whether further investment is justified.

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The Economic Question

A law firm should not have to buy a broad governance platform—or trust a new control in production—to find out whether one authority problem is worth solving.

SEAL Legal Runtime starts with a narrower question:

> **Before a filing leaves the firm, is this person or system authorized to take this action, in this matter, under this authority?**

The first evaluation observes that question for **30 days in one filing workflow**.

During the review, SEAL records what:

- **Would Have Approved**
- **Would Have Refused**
- **Routed for Supervision**

No production filing is blocked, delayed, or altered.

The economic purpose of the review is therefore not to claim savings before they exist.

It is to give leadership enough evidence to answer:

> **Is this authority control useful enough, distinct enough, and important enough to justify any further investment?**

A legitimate answer may be **no**.

That is still a successful evaluation.

What Becomes Measurable

Most firms already have important systems for identity, policy, matter context, documents, workflow, filing, supervision, and audit.

Those systems remain the sources of truth.

The narrower question SEAL evaluates is whether those facts resolve into an authority decision at final submit.

During the 30-day review, leadership can begin measuring four things.

Evidence surface	Leadership can examine	Why it matters economically
Authority findings	Which in-scope attempts Would Have Approved, Would Have Refused, or required supervision	Shows whether the control is identifying meaningful distinctions
Reason patterns	Wrong matter, role, authority, consent, or other agreed conditions	Shows whether issues repeat or are isolated
Source-information quality	Missing, stale, mismatched, conflicting, or unclear governance facts	Shows whether the prerequisite problem is the control—or the underlying information
Decision-record usefulness	Whether legal and risk reviewers can understand what was attempted, the finding, why, and the supporting authority context	Shows whether the evidence is useful enough for leadership oversight without routine engineering interpretation

The review does not require leadership to assume that every refusal is a prevented loss.

It asks a more useful question:

> **Are these findings telling us something worth knowing before the filing leaves?**

That is the first economic test.

The Final Risk Ledger

At the end of the review, leadership receives a **Final Risk Ledger** for the scoped workflow.

The ledger may summarize:

Would-Have-Approved findings Do ordinary filing attempts appear to satisfy the agreed authority conditions?
Would-Have-Refused findings Which attempts raised authority, role, matter, consent, evidence, or other agreed issues—and why?
Supervision findings Which actions would have required supervised review under the firm's configured posture?
Reason patterns Do the same authority conditions appear repeatedly?
Source-information issues Are findings being driven by incomplete, stale, contradictory, or unclear upstream information?
Decision-record quality Can leadership review the findings and supporting evidence without routine technical interpretation?

This is **not a ledger of prevented financial losses**.

A refusal finding does not prove that malpractice, sanctions, financial loss, or legal harm would otherwise have occurred.

It is a record that, under the configured review posture, a required authority condition was not satisfied.

That distinction matters.

> **SEAL measures the control finding. The firm decides the significance of the finding.**

How the Evidence Becomes an Economic Decision

The review is designed to end with a decision, not an automatic deployment.

There are four legitimate outcomes.

1. Stop

The firm concludes that the authority question is already sufficiently answered by existing controls, the findings are not useful, or the problem is not economically important enough to continue.

Economic result: avoid unnecessary technology spend.

2. Continue Observe-Only for a Defined Reason

The findings appear useful, but leadership needs more evidence before deciding.

The remaining question, owner, evidence needed, and next review date should be explicit.

Economic result: buy information before buying enforcement.

3. Improve Source Information and Re-Review

The review shows that identity, role, matter, authority, consent, supervision, or other source information is not reliable enough for authoritative control.

Economic result: fix the prerequisite rather than spending money enforcing weak inputs.

4. Consider One Narrow Controlled-Enforcement Path

Leadership finds that a particular refusal condition is sufficiently important, the evidence is reliable, the workflow is ready, and the firm wants to determine whether the governed decision should become authoritative for that specific path.

That requires separate written scope, security and continuity review, supervision and fallback procedures, and firm approval.

Economic result: invest only after the evidence supports making the control authoritative for that scoped path.

The review therefore does not assume that SEAL should advance.

It produces evidence for a capital-allocation decision.

What the $40,000 Review Buys

The current offer is a **$40,000 fixed-fee, 30-day Observe-Only Final-Submit Review** of one designated workflow and one final-submit boundary.

The fee covers the evaluation and evidence package:

- **Review Scope Memo / Charter** — one workflow, one final-submit boundary, named owners, authority conditions, and explicit exclusions.
- **Minimum Signal Map** — the minimum structured governance information, source systems, and owners needed for the review.
- **Weekly Review Sessions** — structured review of findings, source-information issues, decision records, and emerging patterns.
- **Reviewable Decision Artifacts** — evidence for governed attempts within scope.
- **Final Risk Ledger** — the outcome and reason patterns observed during the review.
- **Leadership Recommendation** — stop, continue observing for a defined reason, improve signals, or consider one narrow controlled-enforcement path.

The fee does **not** buy:

production enforcement, firmwide rollout, multi-workflow coverage, replacement of the firm's systems, legal advice, or access to SEAL's proprietary runtime internals.

> **The fee buys a controlled evaluation and evidence package, not a software trial.**

That is what the 30-day fee buys.

What the Firm Can Learn Before Production Enforcement

The first review is observe-only for a reason.

A firm should be able to test the control before allowing the control to affect production work.

For 30 days:

- normal legal work continues;
- production filings remain under the firm's existing process;
- SEAL records the authority findings;
- leadership reviews the evidence;
- and questionable findings can be examined without creating a production block.

That lets the firm learn whether:

- the selected final-submit boundary is observable;
- the necessary governance signals are available and trustworthy;
- wrong-authority conditions actually appear;
- the distinction between approval, refusal, and supervision is useful;
- the decision records are understandable;
- the firm's existing controls already answer the same question sufficiently well;
- and anything warrants further evaluation.

The economic advantage of observe-only is not “risk-free software.”

It is **bounded information acquisition before a larger commitment**.

The Economic Claim We Can Make Today

SEAL has controlled evaluator evidence showing differentiated approval, refusal, authority-scope, role, missing-condition, and supervised-path behavior. The proof packet also shows reviewable decision evidence and explicitly defines where that evidence stops.

Thinking OS is **not** claiming that a law firm has already saved money with SEAL.

It is not claiming:

- prevented malpractice;
- avoided sanctions;
- reduced insurance premiums;
- regulator acceptance;
- customer production ROI;
- or production-wide risk reduction.

Those claims require institutional evidence that does not yet exist.

The economic claim today is narrower:

> **SEAL can turn one hard-to-review final-submit authority question into reviewable operating evidence that leadership can use to decide whether further control is justified.**

That evidence may show:

- **the control is unnecessary;**
- **the source information needs work first;**
- **more observation is justified;** or
- **one narrow refusal category deserves deeper evaluation.**

That is what the 30-day review is designed to determine.

Next Step

The next step is a 20-minute fit conversation.

The question is not:

“Do you want to buy a new governance control?”

It is:

> **“Is there one filing workflow where it would be useful to see the authority decision before the filing leaves the firm?”**

Public evaluation reference.

Describes evaluator-visible behavior and evidence surfaces only; no non-public runtime details are included.

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