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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 Albert L Jacobs, Jr., et al.,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 Wheaton Van Lines Incorporated, et al.,

13 Defendants.
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No. CV-20-01752-PHX-DLR

ORDER

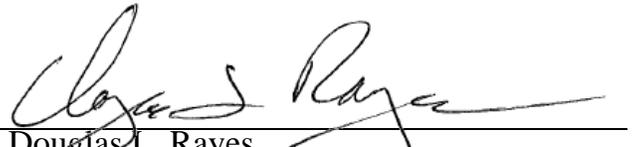
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16 Before the Court is Defendants’ motion for leave to file unredacted invoices in
17 support of their attorneys’ fee request. (Doc. 54.) On February 11, 2021, the Court denied
18 Defendants’ attorneys’ fees request within their motion for sanctions, noting that
19 Defendants had failed to meet their burden in showing that the fees that they requested
20 were reasonable. (Doc. 53 at 3.) The Court underscored that Defendants had
21 indiscriminately “redacted the descriptions for each billing entry in their entirety,” leaving
22 the Court to speculate as to whether the hours billed were reasonably expended. The law
23 is clear that the party seeking attorneys’ fees is responsible for demonstrating the
24 reasonableness of the requested amount by providing the Court with general descriptions
25 of the subject matter of billing time expenditures to enable the Court determine whether
26 the hours billed were reasonably expended. *See Hensley v. Eckerhart*, 461 U.S. 424, 438
27 n. 12 (1983). Now, Defendants ask the Court to reconsider its prior order and grant them
28 leave to file a version of their billing that identifies the general subject matter of the time

1 expenditures—evidence in Defendants’ possession prior to the filing of their motion for
2 sanctions.

3 Motions for reconsideration should be granted only in rare circumstances.
4 *Defenders of Wildlife v. Browner*, 909 F. Supp. 1342, 1351 (D. Ariz. 1995). A motion
5 for reconsideration ordinarily will be denied “absent a showing of manifest error or a
6 showing of new facts or legal authority that could not have been brought to its attention
7 earlier with reasonable diligence.” LRCiv 7.2(g). The court may deny a motion for
8 reconsideration if it fails to comply with these rules. *Id.* Here, Defendants have made no
9 showing of manifest error and have produced no new facts or legal authority that could not
10 have been brought to the Court’s attention with reasonable diligence. Nor do Defendants
11 seek to justify their prior request’s deficiencies or explain why they are only able to provide
12 the unredacted billing information now. Instead, Defendants appear to admit that their fees
13 motion was deficient, but ask for a second bite at the apple, arguing that their fee award
14 should not be denied due to what they characterize to be “formalistic defects.” Mere
15 disagreement with a previous order is an insufficient basis for reconsideration. *See Leong*
16 *v. Hilton Hotels Corp.*, 689 F. Supp. 1572, 1573 (D. Haw. 1988). A party requesting fees
17 is expected to conscientiously prepare a motion; lack of diligence is no excuse.

18 **IT IS ORDERED** that Defendants’ motion for leave (Doc. 54) is **DENIED**.

19 Dated this 17th day of February, 2021.

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24 Douglas L. Rayes
25 United States District Judge
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