

# Law Department Operations Survey Report & Webinar

## *Insight*

Blickstein Group, in cooperation with Consilio, has surveyed hundreds of law departments solely on the operations function to provide benchmarks that are useful to all law departments.

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## Judge Blasts Uber Lawyers, Delays Trade Secrets Trial

### *News*

Explosive evidence alleging that a covert Uber unit stole trade secrets and hid internal communications emerged in federal court on Tuesday in the bitter intellectual-property dispute between Waymo and Uber, reports the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

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## Law Firm Partners' Battle: 'Burn the Place to the Ground'

### *News*

The scorched earth legal battle over the Cellino & Barnes law firm has escalated, with one of the partners threatening to

“burn the place to the ground,” according to court papers.

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## SEC Hires General Counsel From Company Under Investigation

### **News**

The state attorney general has been investigating TIAA’s mutual fund and annuity sales practices following a whistleblower complaint filed by TIAA with the SEC, according to *The Global Legal Post*.

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## Webinar: Legal Insights into Ethics & Compliance

**Webinar, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. PT / 1 p.m. ET**

NAVEX Global will present a webinar to launch a new role-based Ethics & Compliance Benchmark Report for Legal Professionals.

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# Year-End Reality Check: The Path to Efficiency

## *Insight*

Lightning-fast automation, policy enforcement, and true oversight will help you get the most out of end-of-quarter initiatives without taking on unnecessary risk, Conga says in a new eBook that is available for downloading.

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## Ex-WellCare General Counsel Gets Six Months in U.S. Prison

### *News*

A former general counsel of insurer WellCare Health Plans Inc. has been sentenced to six months in prison for making a false statement to Florida's Medicaid program, Reuters reports.

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## How Can Strategic Partnerships Foster Clean Energy Innovation?

*Event, Dec. 28, 2017, 1 p.m. EST*

The Northeast Clean Energy Council and NECEC Institute will

present a webinar exploring how established corporations and early-stage companies can partner to develop new technologies in a mature market.

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## Are Smart Contracts Smart Enough for the Insurance Industry?

### *Insight*

In an article in the Pillsbury Policyholder Pulse blog, Kimberly Buffington and Cara Adams discuss the question: Will insurance policies become the laboratory to test the thesis behind smart contracts?

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## Six Tips for Drafting Better Statements of Work

### *Insight*

If a statement of work fails to adequately describe the deliverables and the services to be rendered, projects can fail, cost can overrun results and project schedules can be delayed, writes Michael R. Overly of Foley & Lardner LLP.

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# Not So Fast: Limits of 'Settlement Negotiation' Protections

## *Insight*

It's far too simplistic to suggest that anything your company considers to be a "settlement negotiation" is going to be kept out of court, warns Joseph A. Schouten of Ward and Smith, P.A

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# Segway Competitor Rolls Away from Former CEO's Attempt to Force Arbitration

## *News*

A former CEO presented a signed employment agreement that required arbitration, but the company contested whether it had agreed to the written contract.

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# Two Burns Charest Lawyers to Lead Hurricane Harvey

# Flooding Class-Action Claims

## *News*

The plaintiffs in the case are Houston homeowners whose properties were ravaged by floodwater releases from the Addicks and Barker reservoirs, which were designed for flood control.

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# Virtual Data Rooms for Litigation

## *Insight*

Lawyers are taking advantage of virtual data rooms to communicate with their clients, experts and opposing counsel.

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# Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson Earns National Listing to Best Law Firms

## *News*

The family law boutique Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, has earned both national and metropolitan Best Law Firms honors from U.S. News & World Report and The Best Lawyers in America for its family law, mediation and appellate practices.

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# Day Pitney Earns Score of 100 Percent in 2018 Corporate Equality Index

## **News**

Day Pitney has again received a perfect score of 100 percent on the 2018 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies and practices relating to LGBT workplace equality.

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# Bankruptcy Partner Gary Caris Joins Barnes & Thornburg in Los Angeles

## **News**

Barnes & Thornburg LLP has added Gary Caris to its Los Angeles office as a partner in the Finance, Insolvency and Restructuring Department.

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# **Biglaw Firm Conducting Layoffs Among Partners, Counsel**

## **News**

Husch Blackwell has announced the firm is conducting layoffs among partners and counsel, but no associates will be impacted by the cuts.

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# **FCC Plan Would Give Internet Providers Power to Choose the Sites Customers See and Use**

## **News**

*The Washington Post* reports that federal regulators unveiled a plan Tuesday that would give Internet providers broad powers to determine what websites and online services their customers can see and use, and at what cost.

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# **AT&T Counsel, an Ex-Trump Attorney, Calls DOJ's Suit on**



# Time Warner Deal 'Fake Antitrust'

## *News*

"There is no credible evidence" that AT&T's proposed \$85.4 billion acquisition of media powerhouse Time Warner poses any threat to industry competition or consumer prices, AT&T attorney Dan Petrocelli told CNBC.