An Interview with Annamaria Porcaro, Associate GC, Contracts at Ascena Retail Group

Insight

Annamaria Porcaro, associate general counsel, contracts at Ascena Retail Group and winner of the General Commercial Individual of the Year award at the 2017 Global Counsel Awards, gives her opinion on what it takes to be a successful in-house counsel

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Grant Thornton’s Jim Fortosis Receives Rising Star award

News

Grant Thornton LLP’s Jim Fortosis, a member of the firm’s Risk, Regulatory and Legal Affairs team, has received a First Chair Award for excellence in legal counsel.

SEC Probing Pepsi’s Former GC

After She Claimed She Was Wrongly Ousted

News

The former GC of PepsiCo Inc. is the focus of an investigation by the SEC after she claimed she was fired in retaliation for the way she handled earlier internal probes concerning allegations of wrongdoing in Russia.

The Evolving Role of the GC in Risk and Crisis – Complimentary Article

Insight

With social media as an accelerant, a smoldering corporate crisis or failure can almost instantly flare into the firestorm of a viral headline event, according to the NACD.

Announcing LawGeex 4.0 – Contract Review Automation

News

LawGeex combines machine learning algorithms and text analytics to quickly review and approve everyday contracts, helping businesses answer the question “Can I sign this?”

Register for the Innoxcell Annual Symposium – USA Series

Event, Oct. 12, San Francisco

The Innoxcell Annual Symposium 2017 USA Series (IAS) scheduled for Oct. 12 in San Francisco focuses on USA – Asia Cross Border Litigation and Investigation matters.

Exclusive Download: Chief Legal Officers 2017 Survey

Insight

Based on responses from nearly 1,100 in-house counsel in 42 countries, the ACC survey offers an opportunity for CLOs to compare their practices to CLOs around the globe.

Phones for VW Lawyer, Emissions Tester Were Lost or Wiped Clean

News

The GC of VW Group of America at the time reported he lost his

phone while en route to Los Angeles International Airport on Dec. 1, 2015, according to the records.

On-Demand: Recent Developments in Employee Whistleblower Litigation

On-Demand

Jackson Lewis has posted an on-demand webinar exploring recent developments and important decisions in whistleblower litigation under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Dodd-Frank Act.

General Counsel: Guardian and Conscience of the Company

Insight

Mark A.Cohen writes that “general counsel – and large corporate departments – are law’s petri dish. They are reconfiguring the boundaries and expanding the expectations of what it means to be an effective corporate lawyer.”

10th Annual Law Department Operations Survey

Survey

Participants are being sought for the 10th Annual Blickstein Group Law Department Operations Survey, the oldest research specifically covering law department operations.

Attend the World's Largest Gathering of In-House Counsel

Event, Oct. 15-18, 2017, Washington, DC

The organization is offering an exclusive $125 discount on the registration fee for readers of General Counsel News who register by August 31.

Third-Party Risk Management Feedback Needed

Survey

Independent marketing research firm Phase5 is conducting a comprehensive study on the current state of third-party risk management and is seeking input.

3 Ways to Transition Your Committee Effectively

Insight

The National Association of Corporate Directors has published a guide to leading practices for key committee succession planning and new-director onboarding.

Download: Guide to Conducting Internal Investigations

Insight

Clutch Group has published a new book, Guide to Conducting Internal Investigations, with parts 1 and 2 are available now for complimentary download.

Microsoft Announces Plans to Nearly Phase Out Billable Hour

News

Bloomberg Law reports that Microsoft hopes to shift 90 percent

of its legal work into alternative fee arrangements within two years – in an effort to move away from the billable hour.

GE Healthcare Eyes Automation in Its Legal Operations

News

Bloomberg Law reports that GE Healthcare is finding automation to be one of the biggest challenges as it builds its legal operations function, Vice President and General Counsel Laura O’Donnell said.

Legal Ops Survey Results: AI, InfoSec, and the Cloud

Insight

OpenText Discovery has commissioned Ari Kaplan Advisors to interview premier corporate legal ops professionals to identify new trends and eDiscovery issues for its annual report.

In-House Compensation Report: Top 30 Money-Earners

News

Apple Inc.’s general counsel/senior vice president Bruce Sewell leads the list of top-paid corporate legal officers with total compensation of $22.8 million, according to Bloomberg Law.

The Biglaw Firms That General Counsel Absolutely Adore

News

An Above the Law review of a BTI Power Rankings report reports that only 33 percent of general counsel find themselves in a state of “clientopia” with their go-to law firms.