# Bankrupt Toys R Us Can Pay Executives Millions of Dollars in Bonuses, Judge Rules

### News

Attorneys for the company argued in court papers that the bonuses would help encourage executives to focus on driving up sales as the holidays approach, reports *The Washington Post*.

# Legal Symposium to Explore Groundbreaking Terror-Financing Case

### News

Werbner will discuss *Linde*, et al. v. Arab Bank PLC in a presentation titled, "Fighting Terror-Financing in the Courtroom," during the State Bar of Texas Litigation Update Institute's 34th annual course in January 2018.

New Uber GC to Staff: Cut Out

# the Surveillance

### News

Just days into his new job as chief legal officer at Uber, Tony West sent an email to the firm's security team telling them to stop any competitive intelligence projects that included surveilling individuals, reports Recode.

# 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.

# 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.

# 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.

# 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

# How Boards Must Think Differently in Today's Digital Landscape

### On-Demand

In a video discussion, Alex Schmelkin, board member with Essendant and founder & CEO of Cake & Arrow, outlines several approaches that boards can take to better understand the "end user" no matter the organization or industry.

# Assessing the Ability to Change Culture — Complimentary Article from NACD

# Insight

The NACD has published a complimentary article titled "Assessing the Ability to Change Culture," providing a quick overview of best practices set forth in the Report of the NACD Blue Ribbon Commission on Culture as a Corporate Asset.

# Benchmark Report: Learn How Your Peers Manage Third-Party Risk

# Insight

The NAVEX study, which includes information from more than 400 professionals, offers guidance on the approach to third-party risk management that organizations find most effective, how they are using outside providers to assist with third-party due diligence, if automated due diligence affects ROI, and more.

# Invitation: 2018 Chief Litigation Officer & IP Law Summits

# Events, March 11-13, 2018, Las Vegas

Marcus Evans Summits has announced the schedule for the 2018 Chief Litigation Officer Summit and IP Law Summit, both scheduled for March 11-13, 2018, a the Venetian in Las Vegas.

# 2017 In-House Benchmarking

# Report Just Released

## Insight

This year's Externo benchmarking report shows the areas of focus that corporate legal teams are homing in on in the hopes of gaining the kind of control that will bring efficiency.

# Dealmakers Increasingly Optimistic About M&A Market and U.S. Economy in Dykema Survey

# Insight

Respondents to Dykema's 13th Annual M&A Outlook Survey expressed an overall bullish viewpoint of the economy and U.S. M&A market, bringing a new level of optimism, not seen in several years.

# Leaving the Contractual Term 'Voting Power' Undefined Could Be Risky Business

# Insight

Any attorney who regularly drafts stock purchase agreements,

voting agreements, or other contracts that use the term "voting power" would do well to take note of a recent ruling, according to an article on the website of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP.

# Invitation: 2017 Ethics and Compliance Virtual Conference

### Event, Nov. 9, 2017

More than 4,000 legal, audit and compliance professionals are expected for the 2017 Ethics & Compliance Virtual Conference, a free, virtual conference that can be access online.

# Sidley to Add Energy Capital Markets, M&A Team in Houston, Washington, D.C.

### News

Sidley Austin LLP announced that it will add a team of five partners to its Capital Markets and M&A practices, four in the Houston office and the other dividing his time between Houston and Washington, D.C.

# Download: Complimentary Copy of NACD's New Culture Report

# Insight

The National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) has published report titled "Culture as a Corporate Asset: Translate Values into Value," the topic of this year's NACD Blue Ribbon Commission Report.

# Webinar: Step-Up Your Third-Party Risk Management Program

## Event, Oct. 26, 1 p.m. EDT

Participants will learn how companies with advanced programs manage their third-party risk and due diligence processes and will get industry benchmarks to size up your program.

# Introducing Yerra Clearly 2.0: Get a Grip on Legal Spend

# Insight

Yerra Solutions has introduced Clearly 2.0, a legal spend management system that works by combining technology and human intelligence to simplify invoice handling and derive greater savings from the eBilling and spend management process.

# General Counsel Salary is at a 1:3 Ratio to Their CEOs

### News

A new report by Equilar finds that companies with revenue between \$1 billion and \$15 billion pay their CEOs 3.7 times what they pay their general counsel.