

# Survey: Half of Legal Departments Work Without a Strategic Plan

## *Insight*

The largest legal departments were about three times more likely to admit planning challenges; 33 percent said they plan, but not very well, compared to 12 percent of the smallest teams and 7 percent of teams of 11 to 50.

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# Register for ACC Xchange 2019 Mid-Year Meeting for Legal Executives

## *Event, April 28-30, 2019*

ACC has arranged for four curricula addresses in the areas of contracts, leadership, legal operations, and litigation.

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# Goldman's \$500 Million Lawyer Has Called It Quits

## *News*

Greg Palm pulled in about \$500 million, including about \$180 million worth of Goldman shares, as well as dividends,

distributions from firm-managed funds and proceeds from stock sales.

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## **Download: Expert Analysis on Emerging Board Issues for 2019**

### ***Insight***

The report from the NACD offers comprehensive guidance that will inform governance decisions and strategic planning in 2019.

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## **To Be a Good In-House Counsel, Be Prepared to Break The Law, Maybe**

### ***Insight***

As an in-house counsel – the individual tasked with mitigating risk for your employer – sometimes you have to make a decision much hastier than you might normally be comfortable with doing so, writes Stephen R. Williams in a column for Above the Law.

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# How to Find the Best Law Schools For In-House Jobs

## *Insight*

Aspiring in-house lawyers should choose law schools located in major metropolitan areas with an abundance of corporate headquarters and a plethora of in-house legal externship and internship options, one expert advises.

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# Bank Company GC Goes Public About Being Bipolar; Gets Stronger in the Process

## *News*

Kelly Rentzel had to overcome some big barriers to become general counsel at Dallas-based Texas Capital Bank. Along the way she endured a monthlong stay in a psychiatric ward, the rigors of law school, and a suicide attempt.

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# Top 5 Things Corporate Counsel Want for Free from

# Law Firms

## *Insight*

In most request for proposals that deal with the overall client-law firm relationship (as opposed to a matter-specific RFP), you will see questions asking law firms about “value-added” services. By value-added, they mean free, writes Matthew Prinn of RFP Advisory Group.

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## Tesla Replaces General Counsel With Seasoned Beltway Trial Lawyer

### *News*

Tesla announced on Friday that General Counsel Todd Maron is leaving the electric vehicle maker, the second high-ranking attorney to do so this quarter.

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## Download: 5 Future Tech Forces & Board Expectations

### *Insight*

The areas discussed in the NACD article include artificial intelligence, blockchain, cybersecurity, hyperconnectivity, and symbiotic systems.

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# The Rise of Analytics: How Legal Technology Finally Got a Seat in the Boardroom

## *Insight*

Advances in legal technology – in particular artificial intelligence technologies – are giving legal more prominence within the corporation and helping make the department's strategic value more tangible to the C-suite and the board.

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## Webinar: Paper Software Will Demo Contract Tools, Microsoft Word Add-In

### *Webinar, Dec. 18, 1 p.m. EST*

Paper Software will present a complimentary webinar on Contract Tools, an add-in for Microsoft Word, that analyzes, proofreads, formats, reviews, and navigates contracts for legal departments and firms.

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# Download: Best Practices For Conducting Fast, Defensible Internal Investigations

## *Insight*

Zapproved has published a new guide that outlines the five best practices for conducting fast, defensible internal investigations.

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## Steve Harmon Joins Elevate as General Counsel

### *News*

Global law company Elevate announced that Steve Harmon has joined as general counsel.

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## How Does Your Salary Compare? Read the Full GC Landscape Report

### *Insight*

The LawGeex guide reveals insights from GCs at hundreds of companies across the United States, including Uber, PayPal, NetApp Amazon, Macy's and Caterpillar.

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# Fewer Lawsuits for Corporations, But More Oversight on Data and Tax Risk

## *News*

Norton Rose Fulbright's 2018 Litigation Trends Annual Survey polled 365 senior corporate counsel representing US-based organizations on disputes-related issues and concerns.

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# What You Need to Know About Contract Management Software and Small Legal Teams

## *Insight*

ContractWorks has published a new guide: Contract Management Software for the Small Legal Team: Why It's Not Just for the Big Fish Anymore.

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# Legal Departments Sending

# Less Cash to Big Law, Survey Says

## News

Bloomberg Law is reporting that corporate law departments are spending more, but less of that money is landing in Big Law coffers, according to a new survey.

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# Facebook GC – Who Said He Was Leaving – Will Stay Because Facebook is Still in Crisis

## News

Facebook general counsel Colin Stretch, who announced in July that he was leaving the company at the end of the year, has changed his mind, reports Recode.

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# American Media Inc. Replaces Top Counsel Amid Federal Inquiry

## News

The publisher of *The National Enquirer* has appointed a new top lawyer after parting ways with Cameron Stracher, who had



served for nearly 12 years as the company's general counsel,  
media.