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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Download: 5 Future Tech Forces & Board Expectations

Insight

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

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.

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.

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.

Steve Harmon Joins Elevate as General Counsel

News

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

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.

Fewer Lawsuits for Corporations, But More Oversight on Data andTax 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.

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.

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 that money is landing in Big Law coffers, according to a new survey.

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.

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.