Brinker International Names Scarlett May SVP, GC

NEWS

Brinker International, Inc. announced Dec. 8 that Scarlett May has been named Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the company,

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SanDisk Names Mark Brazeal New CLO

NEWS

SanDisk Corp.. a global leader in flash memory storage solutions, has announced that it has appointed Mark Brazeal as senior vice president and chief legal officer.

Survey Looks at Changes Coming in the Legal Landscape

NEWSCorporate law departments will have a big hand in changing the legal market over the next 10 years, law firm leaders said in Altman Weil’s sixth annual Law Firms in Transition Survey.

American Apparel Names New General Counsel

NEWS

American Apparel Inc. has named Chelsea A. Grayson its new executive vice president, general counsel and secretary of the company.

Texas Court Rejects Claim That Association's Lawyer Represents Members

NEWS

A Texas appeals court has rejected an argument that the association's general counsel had an attorney-client relationship with a member embroiled in a lawsuit.

Arizona Sues GM for $3 Billion Over Recalls, Cites

In-House Attorneys

NEWS

Arizona has filed suit against General Motors, claiming that the automaker defrauded the state's consumers of an estimated $3 billion, The New York Times reports.

GNC Sees More Top-Level Executive Departures

NEWS

Gerald Stubenhofer, GNC Holdings Inc. senior vice president, chief legal officer and company secretary, has "separated from his employment,"

Lowe's Names McCanless GC, Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer

NEWS

Lowe's Companies Inc. has announced that Ross W. (Bill) McCanless will return to the company as its new general counsel, secretary and chief compliance officer.

M&A Surge Could Cost In-House Lawyers, Accountants Their Jobs

NEWS

When a company buys another business, frequently the acquiring party sees some “overlapping general and administrative functions” in the company that was acquired.

Wingstop Appoints New General Counsel

NEWS

Wingstop Restaurants Inc. has appointed Jay Young to be the company’s next general counsel.

Magazine Profiles IRR Strategies General Counsel Ed

Vidal

NEWS:
Hispanic Executive magazine has profiled Eduardo Vidal, general counsel of IRR Strategies, who moved to the United States as a nine-year-old boy from Cuba.

Attorney Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Defrauding Investors

NEWS
The U.S. Department reported that the ex-GC of an underwriters company was sentenced to five years in prison on Nov. 14 , followed by three years of supervised release, for a wire fraud conspiracy, wire fraud and obstruction of justice.

California Peach Farmer, Union Slug It Out at Hearing

NEWS
An administrative law hearing that could determine whether more than 3,000 workers at the nation’s biggest peach farm are unionized got heated when a lawyer for Gerawan Farming accused the chief prosecutor in the case of playing “hide and seek”

with evidence and witnesses.

GM Names Firm to Lead Search for New General Counsel

NEWS

Executive search firm Heidrick & Struggles International Inc. will lead the search to find a new general counsel to succeed General Motors Co.’s Michael P. Millikin, who will retire early next year, reports The Wall Street Journal.

Supreme Court Hears Arguments on What’s a ‘Reasonable Basis’ for IPO Statements

NEWS

The Supreme Court heard arguments Monday in a securities class action against pharmaceutical giant Omnicare, asking to what extent, if any, a corporation needs a “reasonable basis” for opinions in its SEC registration statement, reports Courthouse News Service.

Corporate Insiders Value Loyalty From Outside Counsel

News

Loyalty and good communication should be at the top of the list for outside counsel in dealing with their corporate clients, said two panelists in a recent symposium, reports Bloomberg BNA.

Law Firms Creating In-House General Counsel for Ethics

NEWS

Ronald D. Rotunda writes on Justicia.com about a trend for law firms to create a position of general counsel, a position designed to heighten “ethical awareness by fixing responsibility in one lawyer to whom other lawyers may turn for a more objective evaluation of legal ethics issues.”

National Basketball Players Association Names New General Counsel

The National Basketball Association players association has hired Gary Kohlman as its new general counsel, according to a

report in *The New York Times*.

The Growing Influence of the GC in Overcoming Compliance Challenges

White Paper

Compliance and legal challenges are converging, offering opportunity for general counsel to play a more strategic role across the enterprise, reports a new white paper from Mitratech.