

# General Counsel Compensation Jumped in 2015



A study by market research firm Equilar found that 2015 compensation for general counsel rose 6.9 percent and exceeded \$1 million, reports **Bloomberg Law**.

In examining data from more than 1,400 lawyers, the report – with commentary from legal recruiting firm BarkerGilmore – found that:

- At companies with less than \$1 billion in revenue, median total direct compensation for GCs was \$725,021.
- At companies with between \$1 billion and \$5 billion in revenue, it was \$1.2 million.
- At companies with between \$5 billion and \$15 billion, it was \$1.7 million.
- At companies with revenues above \$15 billion, it was \$2.5 million.

On its website, BarkerGilmore explains that the study considered compensation trends by practice area, the average annual in-house counsel salary increase, how well company compensation compares to those of similar size, and what gaps may exist and how to address them.

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