The New Law Department Professional: Transforming Legal to Run as a Business Unit

Zapproved has published "**The New Law Department Professional**," which discusses the savings corporate legal departments can realize by bringing e-discovery in-house.

"Although their primary duty has always been to protect the organization, in-house legal professionals commonly wear two hats," the company says in a release. "In addition to their core responsibilities, they often are tasked with handling the administrative operations of the legal department. In the past, marrying these dual roles meant that this less substantive, ministerial work became less of a priority and was pushed down to lower levels or that this work was compartmentalized, leading to independent—and inefficient—silos. Today, however, things have changed.

"These days, legal professionals are expected to lead the charge in implementing corporate initiatives aimed at reducing costs, mitigating risk, introducing new technologies, and changing corporate culture. No longer are the administrative priorities secondary to the substantive work—they are an integral part of it. At the 2016 Conference on Preservation Excellence, panelists discussed ways the new breed of law department professionals are helping to transform their department so it runs like a business, from e-discovery to information governance and more."

The discussion features:

Moderator:

- Mike Quartararo, Director of Litigation Support Services, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

Panelists:

- David Castro, Associate General Counsel and Chief Litigation Counsel, Hess Corporation
- Dawn Radcliffe, Legal Operations Manager, TransCanada Pipelines, Ltd.
- Charisma Starr, Legal IT Manager, Exelon

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