

GM Says Its Top Lawyer Will Be Stepping Down



General Motors has announced the upcoming retirement of its general counsel, Michael P. Millikin.

In its report on the retirement, *The New York Times* said Millikin has been a central figure in the automaker's safety crisis and a target of congressional critics calling for broad reforms at the nation's largest automaker.

Millikin joined the company in 1977 and has been its general counsel for five years. He is expected to retire early next year.

"While G.M.'s internal investigation exonerated him in the delayed recall, Mr. Millikin could still be a subject of federal and state inquiries into the company's handling of defective ignition switches that can cause vehicles to lose power suddenly and disable air bags," *The Times* reported.

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