General Counsel: Guardian and Conscience of the Company

Insight

Mark A.Cohen writes that “general counsel – and large corporate departments – are law’s petri dish. They are reconfiguring the boundaries and expanding the expectations of what it means to be an effective corporate lawyer.”

10th Annual Law Department Operations Survey

Survey

Participants are being sought for the 10th Annual Blickstein Group Law Department Operations Survey, the oldest research specifically covering law department operations.

Attend the World’s Largest Gathering of In-House Counsel

Event, Oct. 15-18, 2017, Washington, DC

The organization is offering an exclusive $125 discount on the registration fee for readers of General Counsel News who register by August 31.

In-House Compensation Report: Top 30 Money-Earners

News

Apple Inc.’s general counsel/senior vice president Bruce Sewell leads the list of top-paid corporate legal officers with total compensation of $22.8 million, according to Bloomberg Law.

The Biglaw Firms That General Counsel Absolutely Adore

News

An Above the Law review of a BTI Power Rankings report reports that only 33 percent of general counsel find themselves in a state of “clientopia” with their go-to law firms.

New Jersey GC Sentenced to Prison in $2.4M Timeshare

Scam

News

The Philadelphia Business Journal is reporting that the former general counsel of an New Jersey timeshare consulting service was sentenced to a year in prison for conspiring to obstruct justice, according to *The Philadelphia Business Journal*.

Complete the 2017 Law Department Benchmarking Survey

Survey

Consilio is conducting an online survey is designed to provide law department leaders insight into comprehensive benchmarking data, legal operations and discovery best practices, and trend reporting.

3M Lawyer on Cutting More Than 250 Law Firms

News

3M Co. launched its effort convergence in 2013, when it cut the about 300 of its U.S. outside firms to about 35 to 36 firms, reports Bloomberg Law.

A ‘Dramatic’ Gender Wage Gap Awaits In-House Counsel

News

The Association of Corporate Counsel released its latest in-house trends report, which revealed that a higher percentage of women’s salaries were on the lower end of the salary scale than those of their male counterparts, reports Above the Law.

In-House Attorneys See 4.3 Percent Pay Hike

News

Above the Law reports on a BarkerGilmore in-house counsel compensation report that shows in-house lawyers received average pay increases of 4.3 percent last year.

How to Make the Case for a Smaller Law Firm to Your

Board

Insight

With a smaller law firm, seasoned attorneys are the norm, rather than the associates who typically handle day-to-day business for the big law firms, writes Norm Finkel of Schoenberg, Finkel, Newman and Rosenberg, LLC.

The Artificial Intelligence Revolution and Its Impact on In-House Lawyers

Insight

In-house lawyers who embrace AI will become more valuable to the next generation of CEOs and CFOsm according to an Above the Law post.

MetLife General Counsel to Step Down After Beating U.S. in Court

News

Bloomberg reports that MetLife Inc. General Counsel Ricardo Anzaldua is stepping down after he helped win a court battle that reversed the government’s designation of the insurer as

too big to fail.

Uber Looking for New General Counsel Amid Increasingly Dicey Legal Issues

News

Recode.net reports that Uber’s search for a new general counsel could be interesting, considering the company’s many thorny legal issues.

Just Released: Study of Effective Legal Spend Management

Insight

More than 20 legal spend management techniques are analyzed and compared against one another, giving readers the needed insight for effectively minimizing legal costs within their own legal departments, the company says on its website.

The Burden Of Keeping In-House Secrets

Insight

In a post on Above the Law, Stephen R. Williams discusses how in-house lawyers often are brought into a myriad of issues they may wish they had been left out of.

Kim Technologies Launches Intelligent Legal Operations Platform

News

The Kim platform is already being used by a number of Global 100 companies for activities ranging from contract and in-life management, litigation and employment, to compliance, patents and property.

2nd Annual CLOC Institute Set for Las Vegas May 9-11

Event, May 9-11, 2017

Known as the largest gathering of legal operations professionals in the world, this year's conference will feature more than 70 sessions and 120 speakers.

Download: Connecting the General Counsel and the Board

Insight

A guide published by the NACD reviews the three main indicators of an effective partnership between the general counsel and the board. The guide is available for free downloading.

Dewey's Former GC on the Crisis at United Airlines

News

Bloomberg Law asked a former GC with experience in crises to explain the likely legal ramifications of United Airlines' botched handling of an overbooked flight and what the company may do to mitigate the fallout.