

# Tesla Taps Walmart Ethics, Compliance Chief for New Legal Role

“Tesla Inc., which has faced accusations of lax in-house legal management, has hired a new compliance leader from Walmart Inc.,” reports Brian Baxter in *Bloomberg Law’s US Law Week*.

“David Searle, a former federal prosecutor who joined Walmart in 2019, became deputy general counsel and senior director of compliance at Tesla last month, according to his LinkedIn profile.”

“He spent nearly the past two years as international chief ethics and compliance officer at Walmart, which in recent months made changes to its compliance personnel.”

“Searle’s move to Tesla comes as his new employer grapples with a recently unsealed lawsuit accusing it of refusing to hire law department leaders willing to stand up to the company’s voluble co-founder and CEO, Elon Musk.”

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