

# Tesla Vice President of Legal Al Prescott Leaves to Join Luminar, a Lidar Company

“Tesla’s longstanding vice president of legal and acting general counsel, Al Prescott, has left the electric vehicle and renewable energy company to join Luminar, a lidar start-up,” reports Lora Kolodny in *CNBC’s Tech*.

“The move is noteworthy in many ways. For one, Tesla CEO Elon Musk has long insisted that lidar technology, or light ranging and detection sensors, is too expensive and not necessary for development of autonomous vehicles. Prescott’s move to Luminar, where he will serve as chief legal officer, is an endorsement of the technology, however.”

“Bill Berry, currently Tesla’s head of litigation, who joined in October 2020 and previously spent time working for Google, is expected to head the Tesla department but not assume the role of general counsel according to people familiar with the matter.”

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