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PROGRAMME

- 14:00 Arrival and registration
14:30 Introduction and keynote
15:00 Panel: General Counsel – Reaching new heights
15:50 Q&A: The recruiter's perspective: what skills do boards look for in a GC?
16:00 Coffee break
16:20 Panel: Managing international disputes
17:10 Panel: India on the world stage
18:00 Closing remarks
18:10 Drinks and networking
19:00 Event ends

PANEL GENERAL COUNSEL: REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

As the role of general counsel increases in scope and responsibility, what attributes are needed to reach the top? This panel will see some of India's finest counsel discuss their growing influence at board level, the changing nature of their work, and their long term career aspirations and goals.

Speakers

Jonathan Warne, CMS-CMNO
Debolina Partap, Wockhardt
Ashok Maheshwary, KCT Group
Parveen Mahtani, Tata Housing Development Company
Pramod Rao, Citi India

Panel will cover:

- The thought-leadership role GCs are increasingly expected to take within their organisations. How are GCs helping to shape the corporate social image?
- The global pressures GCs are facing. To what extent is the nature of the GC role in India being influenced by international laws and norms or interaction with GCs in other jurisdictions?
- What is the GC's role in corporate governance, interaction with senior management and contributing to the board-level agenda?
- The broader non-legal challenges GCs are encountering. From dealing with political scenarios to looking at corporate social responsibility.
- The business counsel model and competencies framework.
- Concluding thoughts on the future of the GC role in India. Will we see more GCs becoming CEOs? Will we see more non-legal professionals (operations staff, etc) entering legal teams?

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Q&A THE RECRUITER'S PERSPECTIVE: WHAT SKILLS DO BOARDS LOOK FOR IN A GC?

Speaker

Karl Fernandes, Vahura

PANEL MANAGING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES

In this GC-led panel we explore how sophisticated in-house teams are managing their international disputes portfolios. The panel will touch on a number of themes, from working with the board on a big-ticket dispute to managing costs and selecting the right internal and external teams. The panel will also discuss the rising popularity of arbitration in the region, their experiences of forum shopping and the systems they have developed to help track and monitor dispute volumes globally.

Speakers

Gary Oliver, Blackstone Chambers

Natasha Mangat, Citibank

Mohit Shukla, Barclays

Pranav Mago, Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Dipti Gandhi, Mahindra & Mahindra

Nitin Banerjee, Cairn Oil & Gas

PANEL INDIA ON THE WORLD STAGE

What does the current investment climate in India mean for the country's business advisers? This panel will explore some of the key legal reforms in the Indian market, the compliance, regulatory and reputational risks facing Indian companies, and how GCs can help Indian businesses to thrive in the global marketplace.

Speakers

Mohit Saraf, Luthra & Luthra

Suraj Singh, Wells Fargo EGS

Shujath Bin Ali, PAREXEL

Gaurav Arora, Huawei

P M Devaiah, Everstone Capital

Zameer Nathani, Raymond Limited

Panel will cover:

- The tension GCs face when advising business on compliance matters. How to tread the path between inclusion (circumventing laws) and isolation (ignoring the needs of business).
- Example of changes introduced by Press Note No. 3 permitting e-commerce companies to have 100% FDIs. How can an innovative GC respond to these types of laws to establish (i) the intent of the government and (ii) the needs of the business to develop a response that benefits all parties?
- GC's role in keeping channels open with the relevant ministries of the Indian government to help ensure government and business engages in dialogue over laws and regulations.
- FDI into India – what are the legal and regulatory barriers non-Indian entities face? Will foreign companies entering the Indian market face?
- Insolvency and bankruptcy code issues.

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