



# TAMMY WOOD ON CORPORATE COUNSEL LOOKS AT HOW COMPANIES CAN MAKE THEIR LEGAL DEPARTMENT INTO THE “DEPARTMENT OF HOW”

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Partner Tammy S. Wood authored the *Corporate Counsel* article titled “Making the Legal Department the ‘Department of How.’” The piece looks at how companies can optimize their relationships with legal counsel to focus on the concept of, “Don’t tell me ‘No,’ show me how!” Wood advises on creating a culture where the C-suite feels comfortable consulting legal counsel when making strategic decisions. Asking upfront for honest risk assessments and possible alternative ways to move forward yields better overall operational outcomes than executing strategies absent their input and needing to later “ask for forgiveness.” “In-house lawyers are uniquely suited to be invaluable to the C-suite’s strategic decisions. Counsel are well educated in spotting risks and developing arguments and legal strategies around those risks.... With a mindset toward solving, not just spotting issues, members of the C-suite can see legal counsel as key advisors in the strategic decisions of the company.”

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