

# Balancing Act: Thriving as General Counsel in a Turbulent World

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In today's unruly landscape, the role of the corporate legal chief and their team continues to stretch and shift. The new remit demands different skills, greater agility, more cross-enterprise collaboration, and resilience.

Join Global Counsel Leaders members for an early evening and half-day. You'll engage and reflect with your peers on topics vital to your work as you draft your plan to address specific challenges and opportunities.

This is not a typical conference — all sessions are participatory. The Forum opens with a discussion on change leadership, followed by drinks and dinner. Then, on day two, enjoy a series of dynamic, interactive roundtables with discussions led by highly respected leaders.

You will leave having gained new insights, built new peer relationships, and heard other leaders' strategies and practices. You will also have reflected on your next steps to prepare yourself and your team to thrive into '25 in your demanding roles.

## Discussion Leader Highlights:



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5pm on Wednesday, 2 October

5:00 **Meet and greet - refreshments and nibbles**

5:15 **Opening and Roundtable: The General Counsel as Transformer**

**Discussion leaders:** Hassan Basil Hassan, Chief Legal Officer, **Majid Al Futtaim** & Derek Simpson, MD, Director of Legal Services, **Accenture**  
**Moderator:** Daniel Marks, VP, Industry Lead, **Factor**

Discuss feasible approaches to:

- Successfully implement tech-driven systems and improved data
- Engage with and pilot GenAI use for legal (to lighten workloads and speed service delivery)
- Implement legal department goals through change leadership

6:15 Reception followed by **7pm dinner** nearby, end by 9pm.

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TWO

8.30am on Thursday, 3 October

8:30 **Networking time - light breakfast**

9:00 **Roundtable: The General Counsel as Strategist**

**Discussion leader:** Joe McFadden, **Partner**, Deputy General Counsel & Legal Director – Europe, **McKinsey & Company**  
**Moderator:** E. Leigh Dance, Executive Director, **Global Counsel Leaders**

Navigate the complexities of advising senior executives and boards on a range of strategic matters that extend beyond legal domains, while also guarding time to develop the legal function's strategy and oversee implementation.

10:00 **Roundtable: The General Counsel as Promoter & Defender**

**Discussion leaders:** Nino Cusimano, General Counsel, **Nexans**, Jeff Langlands, General Counsel, Corporate, Digital & Networks, **BT Group** & Andrew Tuson, Partner – Financial Services Disputes and Investigations, **BCLP**  
**Moderator:** E. Leigh Dance, **Global Counsel Leaders**

Harness your advocacy skills to champion the company's interests with stakeholders such as regulatory officials, your customers and the board. As enterprise promoter and defender, sharpen your ability to prepare executive leaders for multidimensional issues that often lack clarity, including geopolitical risks that could hit your financial forecast.

11:00 **Break**

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**11:30 Roundtable: The General Counsel as Influencer & Translator**

**Discussion leaders:** Axel Viaene, SVP & General Counsel – International, **Cencora** & Tom Bacon, Partner - M&A and Corporate Finance, **BCLP**

**Moderator:** Helena Samaha, President & CEO, **Lex Mundi**

Hone your ability to influence fellow leaders as you participate in cross-functional committees. Translate risks and business issues for different audiences. Brief corporate leaders to help them make critical decisions. Leverage your team's subject expertise. Invest to appreciate business demands and operations concerns so you can better flag diverse risks while helping the business seize growth opportunities.

**12:30 Workshop: Pull it together into Your Plan**

**Workshop facilitators:** Varun Mehta, CEO, **Factor** & E. Leigh Dance, **Global Counsel Leaders**

Weave together the major takeaways from Sessions 1-4. Discussion leaders will guide you to identify your short list of problems, decisions to make, opportunities and priorities. You'll leave after lunch with a rough draft to refine.

**1:00 Wrap Up, Coming Next, Evaluations**

**1:15 Lunch, brief presentation and open discussion**

**2:00 Arrivederci!**

