

General Counsel Consulting News

News In Brief:

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Hewlett-Packard GC resigns after probe on boardroom leaks

Ann Baskins, General Counsel for Hewlett-Packard, has resigned after being drawn into an investigation on boardroom leaks to the media. Baskins is the fourth employee of the company who has been called in on the probe. Patricia Dunn, the company chairwoman, and two employees had earlier resigned following the start of the investigations. Baskins joined Hewlett-Packard after graduating from law school 24 years ago and served as General Counsel from 2000 until her resignation. The move is slated to empower Mark Hurd, Chief Executive Officer for Hewlett-Packard, who said the resignations were in the best interests of the company.

VSP boosts its legal division

Thomas Fessler has been named General Counsel and Vice President of Vision Service Plan (VSP)'s legal department. Prior to joining the company, Fessler served as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at New York-based Buck Consultants and earlier served as Senior Vice President and Group Counsel of Dallas-based Commercial Solutions Group of Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. VSP offers high-quality vision care plans that promote overall eye health and support visual wellness needs, as well as plans that cover advanced vision correction procedures, including surgery.

Allegheny Energy promotes David Feinberg to GC

Allegheny Energy, Inc., has named David M. Feinberg Vice President and

General Counsel. Feinberg joined the company in August 2004 and served as Deputy General Counsel before his promotion. Prior to joining Allegheny, he was a partner at Jenner & Block in Chicago. The move came when Hyun Park, former Vice President and General Counsel of Allegheny, decided to part with the company. Greensburg, PA-based Allegheny Energy consists of two main businesses: Allegheny Energy Supply, which operates electric generating facilities, and Allegheny Power, which provides low-cost electricity to customers in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia.

Philip Bramwell takes over as Head of Legal for BAE Systems

Former O2 General Counsel Philip Bramwell has joined defense giant BAE Systems, a FTSE 100 company. Bramwell will replace Michael Lester, Head of Legal, who is slated to retire by the end of this year, after serving in the post for eight years. A qualified barrister, Bramwell has held many senior legal and non-legal positions in the telecom sector. As a result of this move, O2 promoted in-house competition lawyer Justine Campbell to serve as the company's legal head. A major transatlantic aerospace and defense company, BAE Systems maintains a presence on five continents and is a top-10 U.S. defense company.

Vance-Bryan new Universal Hospital GC and Senior VP

Minnesota-based Universal Hospital Service (UHS), Inc., hired Diana Vance-Bryan as Senior Vice President and General Counsel. Vance-Bryan, who served Novartis Nutrition Corporation prior to joining UHS, has wide-ranging experience in government and regulatory affairs, compliance, and contracts management and has had the title "Super Lawyer" conferred upon her by *Minnesota Law & Politics*, *Minneapolis St. Paul Magazine*, and *Twin Cities Business Monthly*. With 75 offices in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Universal Hospital Service is a leader in medical equipment lifecycle services

offering the best possible patient-care solutions to customers.

Stacey Olliff joins Fandango as Senior VP, Legal and Business Affairs

Stacey Olliff has been appointed to Fandango's newly created post of Senior Vice President, Legal and Business Affairs. He will be entrusted with responsibility for supervising legal matters, business affairs, corporate development, and corporate governance. Prior to joining Fandango, Olliff was General Counsel of Shopzilla, Inc., an online comparison-shopping site, for seven years. Fandango, a large online, phone, and mobile movie ticketing and entertainment destination is hoping to enhance its brand's popularity and become an unbeatable ticketing source.

Ernst & Young appoints deputy GC as U.K. GC

Lisa Cameron, Deputy General Counsel at accounting firm Ernst & Young, has been chosen as the firm's next U.K. General Counsel. Cameron joined the firm in 1998 and became Deputy General Counsel in 2001. She became a partner in the firm this year. Cameron replaces Victoria Cochrane, who was promoted to Ernst & Young's board in April and was formerly responsible for the firm's quality and risk management functions.

Louis P. Huynh assumes charge of Dot VN as GC

Louis P. Huynh joined Dot VN as General Counsel. Huynh is entrusted with responsibility for all legal matters, including developing policies and procedures to ensure the integrity of Dot VN's business practices. Prior to joining Dot VN, Huynh practiced with The Otto Law Group in the areas of corporate finance, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate litigation. Dot VN, Inc., is an Internet and telecommunications company and is hopeful that Huynh's strong background in corporate governance and securities law will aid

it immensely in its work. Huyin will also work towards the completion and filing of a registration statement for the company.