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Apple Inc. (formerly Apple Computer) has hired the top corporate lawyer at Hewlett-Packard. Charles Charnas, deputy general counsel at Hewlett-Packard, is the first big hire by Apple's new general counsel, Daniel Cooperman. At Apple Charnas will head the corporate department, filling a position left vacant for several years. At Hewlett-Packard Charnas managed several large deals, such as the company's purchase of Mercury Interactive in 2006 for \$4.5 billion.

Former Pentagon GC Joins Chevron

Chevron has hired William "Jim" Haynes II, the controversial former general counsel of the Pentagon. Now Chevron is facing its own controversy, having taken a very long time to confirm the hire. Haynes is controversial for his role in developing the detainee interrogation policies for the Bush administration.

Procter & Gamble's Former Associate GC Joins Law Firm

Patrick D. Lane, former associate general counsel of the Procter & Gamble Co., has returned to law firm life, joining the firm Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP. He'll practice in the firm's litigation department in Cincinnati. While at Procter & Gamble, Lane was responsible for intellectual property litigation and the company's North American general litigation.

