



BarkerGilmore Launches The Leader Exchange for General Counsel and Senior Legal Executives

New peer advisory and executive coaching program expands leadership development for General Counsel and senior in-house legal executives

PITTSFORD, NY, UNITED STATES, August 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- BarkerGilmore, a leading provider of legal executive search, executive coaching, and leadership development for in-house legal and compliance leaders, today announced the launch of The [Leader Exchange](#), a confidential, professionally facilitated peer-advisory experience designed to help General Counsel and senior in-house legal leaders navigate the increasingly complex leadership demands of today's business environment.

As legal departments take on broader strategic responsibilities, in-house counsel are increasingly expected to lead beyond legal expertise, serving as enterprise leaders, influencing business decisions, managing organizational change, and preparing for expanded executive roles. Yet many legal leaders have limited opportunities to engage in candid discussions with peers facing similar leadership challenges. [BarkerGilmore Leader Exchange](#) was created to fill that need by providing a trusted forum for meaningful peer dialogue, practical insight, and leadership development.

The Leader Exchange expands BarkerGilmore's executive coaching and leadership development offerings for General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officers, and senior in-house counsel. Through carefully matched cohorts, the Exchange brings together high-potential in-house counsel, future General Counsel, newly appointed General Counsel, and experienced General Counsel for confidential, professionally facilitated discussions tailored to each participant's leadership stage.

Rather than following a fixed curriculum, participants explore leadership challenges in real time, including organizational dynamics, stakeholder relationships, executive influence, strategic decision-making, and career growth.

Marnie Seif, Strategic Advisor and Executive Coach at BarkerGilmore, will lead the new initiative while continuing to provide executive coaching and strategic advisory services to General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officers, and other senior legal executives focused on leadership effectiveness, strategic influence, and organizational impact. A former Chief People Officer and

Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary at Analog Devices, Seif brings extensive experience developing senior leaders and guiding organizations through executive transitions, business transformation, mergers and acquisitions, including post-closing integration efforts, and growth.

"Marnie's experience makes her uniquely qualified to lead BarkerGilmore Leader Exchange and help in-house legal leaders navigate the challenges that come with increasing responsibility," said Bob Barker, Managing Partner of BarkerGilmore. "The Leader Exchange reflects our commitment to developing exceptional legal leaders by creating a confidential forum for learning from peers, gaining practical insight, and strengthening leadership effectiveness."

"The most effective in-house legal leaders are valued not only for legal expertise, but also for judgment, leadership, and the ability to influence business decisions," said Seif. "I'm excited to lead BarkerGilmore Leader Exchange and create an environment where legal leaders can learn from one another, gain practical perspective, and build the confidence and relationships that help accelerate career growth."

Applications are now being accepted for the [Founding January 2027 cohorts](#) of BarkerGilmore Leader Exchange. The inaugural cohorts will bring together carefully matched groups of in-house legal leaders for confidential, professionally facilitated peer discussions focused on leadership growth, executive influence, practical insight, and career advancement.

About BarkerGilmore

For more than 20 years, BarkerGilmore has specialized in in-house legal and compliance executive search, executive coaching, and leadership development. BarkerGilmore provides confidential executive coaching and strategic advisory services for General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officers, senior in-house counsel, and rising legal leaders.

BarkerGilmore's professional team combines the expertise of seasoned executive search consultants with highly respected former General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officers to deliver integrated, comprehensive solutions that enhance the recruitment, long-term performance, and success of in-house legal and compliance teams.

The firm measures success through high client satisfaction rates, exceptional search completion rates, and impressive retention rates. Learn more at www.barkergilmore.com.

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