

Foreword

Making the decision to pursue an in-house counsel position can be daunting for a law firm attorney, in part because in-house positions can be so very different from working in a firm and can vary in meaningful ways from company to company. Having a guide such as this book when I was considering the transition from law firm to an in-house position, as well as when I was first starting my in-house position, would have been immensely helpful. While I read many blog posts and articles about in-house positions during my job search, I found that I had not fully anticipated the differences between practicing law in a law firm and as an in-house counsel. Both types of positions are rewarding in their personal and professional challenges and opportunities, but the differences can be quite significant and take some time to get used to after a transition from a law firm to in-house position.

Attorneys considering a jump to an in-house position are best served by doing as much research as possible on the nature of in-house counsel positions within the particular industries and companies for which they are interested in working. This book offers helpful insight into the unique aspects of serving as in-house counsel and provides a good foundation for those seeking to learn more about in-house counsel life. Because it is always better to go into a job search or a new job as prepared as possible, those who are considering an in-house counsel position will benefit from reading this book.

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