

General Counsel as Board Candidates: Is it Their Time to Shine?

Many of the attributes that make GCs valuable in their C-suites, particularly during periods of great challenge and change, also make them highly effective independent directors.



- STRATEGY**
See the big picture as well as the puzzle pieces; evaluate challenges and opportunities from many angles; contribute strategic insights
- RISK**
Trained to identify, manage, mitigate and exploit risk; “see around corners”
- GOVERNANCE**
Responsible for board processes; have an insider’s view of board and director performance
- REGULATION**
On the front lines of regulatory and legislative shifts; are often responsible for government affairs
- TEMPERAMENT**
Cool in crisis; even-keeled; digest complexity quickly; are skilled listeners
- RELEVANT EXPERTISE**
Have substantive skills in areas such as restructuring, M&A, strategic transactions, investigations, employee relations, tax, intellectual property, dispute resolution, privacy, ethics & compliance, and cybersecurity