

Pennsylvania's Best Legal Departments – 2014

The Legal Intelligencer will honor the best legal departments in Pennsylvania in 2014 and is seeking nominations to help in determining the deserving companies. To be considered for the awards, the following two-part nomination form must be completed in full. Anyone is welcome to submit a nomination, including law firms and the legal departments themselves. Firms that nominate departments can be kept anonymous if they wish.

The following categories will be under consideration for awards for achievement in the past two years:

- In-House Legal Work (i.e., Deal and Litigation Management)
- Outside Counsel Management
- Corporate Compliance
- Technology and Information Systems
- Pro Bono
- Diversity

Part I: Questionnaire

Company:

Headquarters:

Industry:

Top Legal Officer (Name, Title, Phone, Email):

Number of lawyers (both worldwide and U.S.):

Company revenue in last full fiscal year:

Number of worldwide employees:

Nominating Party (Name, Title, Phone, Email):

Part II: Essay

What makes the company's legal department stand apart from the rest? Write an essay between 500 and 1,000 words that highlights the department's best characteristics, the particular challenges it has recently faced and any innovations that distinguish it from its counterparts across the state. The essay can include any information you deem relevant (and does not need to include anything in particular), but here are some questions to help guide the response:

- Did the company face difficult litigation in the past two years?
- Were there any major transactions?
- How does the department manage outside counsel?
- Did the department need to innovate to overcome challenges?
- Is the department using technology in new and interesting ways?
- How does the department handle diversity?

Keep in mind as you write the essay that details are the best way to help demonstrate to us the excellence of the company's legal department. Try to bring the department to life and give us a true sense of what makes it successful.

Deadline: Please submit the completed questionnaire and essay to Ben Seal at bseal@alm.com by **Friday, Jan. 31**. If you have any questions, Ben can be reached via email or phone at 215-557-2368.