



## **The Role of General Counsel: An Open Conversation with Senior Women Practitioners**

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Hong Kong

The role of General Counsel has evolved to become one of the most critical positions within the alternatives industry. GCs face an ever changing regulatory environment and work hard to keep our firms in compliance. Come hear from some of Hong Kong's top legal minds for an open discussion ranging from the nature of the job of GC and how it has evolved to how to manage the latest legal, regulatory and compliance challenges.

We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd of June.

### **Participants**

**Irene Law**, TPG Axon

**Susannah Lindenfield**, Blackstone

**Deidre Nhan**, PAG

**Melissa Obegi**, Bain Capital Asia LLC

**Anne-Marie Godfrey**, **Moderator**, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

### **Event Details**

**Date:** June 3, 2015

**Time:** 5:30 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6:30 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

**Host:** PwC Global Asset Management Network

**Location:** PwC Hong Kong

21/F Edinburgh Tower, Landmark, 15 Queen's Road Central, **Hong Kong**, Hong Kong

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## Biographies

### **Irene Law**, General Counsel of Asia, TPG Axon

Ms. Law is General Counsel of Asia at TPG-Axon Capital, a global investment firm with offices in New York, Hong Kong and Tokyo. Ms. Law is responsible for managing legal and compliance risks for the group and its funds and managed accounts in Asia, with joint responsibility for Europe. Prior to joining TPG-Axon Capital in 2006, Ms. Law worked at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in its New York and Hong Kong offices, focusing on private equity, M&A, fund formation and corporate finance. She holds a JD from New York University School of Law and a BA from the University of Toronto.

### **Susannah Lindenfield**, Managing Director and Head of International Compliance, Blackstone

Prior to joining Blackstone in 2008, Ms. Lindenfield served as counsel to KBC Financial Products covering the Asian Fund of Funds, the hedge fund derivatives and convertible bonds businesses. Ms. Lindenfield began her career as a lawyer at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton where she worked for seven years advising on a variety of leveraged finance, restructuring and cross-border M&A transactions.

Ms. Lindenfield received an LLB in English and French Law from King's College London, a maitrise en droit prive from the University de Paris I - Pantheon Sorbonne and an LLM in comparative law from McGill University in Montreal. She is admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales and as an attorney in New York State. Ms. Lindenfield is proficient in French and Spanish.

### **Deidre Nhan**, Funds General Counsel, PAG

Ms. Nhan is Funds General Counsel at PAG, an alternative investment management firm with offices throughout Asia. Ms. Nhan is responsible for managing legal issues for PAG's funds and managed accounts. Prior to joining PAG in 2012, Ms. Nhan worked at White & Case in its Hong Kong office, and prior to that, at leading law firms in New York and Sydney Australia, focusing on private equity and hedge funds, fund formation and M&A. She holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Finance from the University of New South Wales.

### **Melissa Obegi**, Asia General Counsel, Bain Capital Asia LLC

Ms. Obegi is responsible for oversight of legal matters for Bain Capital's private equity activities in the Asia Pacific region, including China, Japan, India, Australia, Southeast Asia and Korea. Bain Capital has invested over \$6 billion in Asia in 34 investments. Prior to joining Bain Capital, Ms. Obegi was a Managing Director with Oaktree's Asia Principal Opportunities group and Asia Regional Counsel in Hong Kong. Prior to Oaktree, Ms. Obegi was the Associate General Counsel, Investment Funds for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, a U.S. government agency supporting investment in the emerging markets, and prior to OPIC, was in the International Banking Group at Coudert Brothers.

### **Anne-Marie Godfrey**, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Ms. Godfrey has extensive experience advising investment managers throughout Asia on the establishment and regulation of hedge funds, private equity funds and retail funds. She advises investment managers and advisers, fund administrators, trustees and other fund service providers on investment fund-related issues.

Ms. Godfrey has advised on the listing of investment funds on the Irish stock exchange and on the London Alternative Investment Market. She advises extensively on European regulatory issues (including AIFMD), the listing of ETFs on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and obtains SFC authorization for UCITS funds for distribution to the retail public in Hong Kong. She advises clients in all aspects of fund documentation, including offering memoranda, trust deeds, limited partnership agreements, memoranda and articles of association, investment management agreements, investment advisory agreements, distribution agreements, prime brokerage agreements, ISDA master agreements and other service provider agreements.

Ms. Godfrey is recognised as a leading lawyer for funds and investment management in Chambers Asia, IFLR1000 (Asia-Pacific) and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

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