MORE LEGAL WORK IS MOVING IN-HOUSE

New challenges are creating the “new normal” for legal departments everywhere.

MAIN CHALLENGE:
Need to do more work with fewer resources

Nearly 50% of legal departments rank this as a top challenge

WHY MOVE WORK IN-HOUSE?

More control over costs
Increased efficiency

HOW ARE LEGAL DEPARTMENTS DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGE?

60% ARE HIRING

OF THOSE THAT ARE HIRING
42% are newer law firm lawyers
39% are seasoned in-house lawyers
37% are paralegals
31% are support staff
10% are seasoned law firm lawyers

In 2014, contract lawyers and support staff were also hired to further address workload.

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ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGE

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Navigating the “new normal” requires an ability to manage the legal department as a business; employ technology wherever possible; use metrics to track and measure; hire the right people and train them; and judiciously rely on outside counsel where necessary for litigation, mergers and acquisitions, and intellectual property work.

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