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Attorney Spotlight

Joanne Doldo joined bliss lawyers in 2011 and has been working on assignment at a major investment bank in New York City.

What Joanne Does: Joanne provides legal advice to the firm's registered investment companies, working closely with other legal and compliance professionals as well as with portfolio managers.

Previous Experience: Joanne brings nearly 20 years of experience to bliss lawyers. She served as Associate General Counsel at Morgan Stanley Investment Management and Assistant Counsel at New York Life Insurance Company. Previously, Joanne worked at the New York City law firms Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker and Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel.

Something About Joanne that is Surely Irrelevant to Her Legal

Work: Joanne is trained as a pastry chef.

Upcoming Events

NYSBA 2012 Annual Meeting: Technology in Your Practice: Trends, Tools and Ethics Rules: January 26, 2012, 1pm to 5pm, New York Hilton in New York City. bliss lawyers co-founder Suzie Scanlon will be speaking on the topic of working successfully in a virtual law firm environment. Click [here](#) for further information about this event.

Law & Reorder: "The Sponsorship Effect": January 18, 2012, 2:15-2pm at Clifford Chance US LLP in New York City. Guest speaker Sylvia Ann

The theme in 2012 continues to be in-house law departments' focus on balancing high quality legal services with corporate cost control requirements. Here are some notable highlights and headlines that we have been following at bliss.

In-House Legal Departments Are Rethinking the Value of the Most Junior Associates

In this noteworthy [article](#), American Stock & Transfer General Counsel David Brill assesses the value of first year associates to in-house legal departments under the current system, and proposes specific steps that law schools, big firms and corporate law departments should take to develop junior talent and better prepare young attorneys for real world practice.

General Counsel Identify Their Biggest Challenges in the Year Ahead

Corporate Counsel and ALM Legal Intelligence recently teamed up to survey over 100 General Counsels and their deputies to get their views on the challenges they face in 2012. Some two-thirds of respondents identified the cost of legal services as an aspect of their relationship with law firms which they would most like to change. An overview of the survey's findings can be found [here](#), with links to more detailed survey results.

Corporations Continuing to Look Closely at In-House Legal Budgets

Surveys conducted in 2011 forecast further [belt-tightening](#) in corporate legal departments, including a reduction in new hires, as corporations continue to weigh the value of shared services such as legal departments.

Despite the fact that in-house counsel overwhelmingly believe that their workloads will increase in 2012, budgets are still being reduced along with headcount restrictions. A sampling of findings from this interesting survey can be found [here](#).

its importance to women in their career growth, drawing upon her most recent Harvard Business Review study. Click [here](#) for further information about this event.



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