

# TOP 5

**TAKEAWAYS FROM THE CONSERO  
ENERGY GENERAL COUNSEL FORUM**

# GENERAL COUNSELS ARE STEPPING INTO WIDER ROLES

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Legal leaders aren't just handling legal-centric items anymore. They're shaping business strategy, driving innovation, managing data privacy and various risks across the enterprise.

# AI IS KNOCKING AT LEGAL'S DOOR

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From contract review to compliance monitoring, AI is beginning to streamline legal work and assist lawyers with speed to information. Teams are beginning to see efficiency gains, better insights, and smarter decision-making.

# CRISIS PREPAREDNESS IS A CORE PRIORITY

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Whether it's cybersecurity threats or natural disasters, legal departments are building playbooks to stay ahead of potential incidents.

The focus is shifting from reactive crisis management to proactive resilience — ensuring that business continuity, regulatory compliance, and stakeholder trust are preserved even in moments of disruption.

# AI BOOM AND REGULATORY SHIFTS ARE RESHAPING ENERGY STRATEGY

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AI requires energy - tons of it - and that is creating a resurgence in the energy sector and energy innovation. Further, changes in federal permitting and IRA policies are influencing how energy companies plan, invest, and stay compliant.

# LEGAL OPERATIONS HAS BECOME CORE TO THE DEPARTMENT

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GCs are more heavily relying on their legal ops teams to rethink outside counsel, rates, and tech tools — focusing on cost control, automation, and stronger alignment with business goals. Legal operations is now a core function of most legal departments.