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UC Irvine law school announces in-house training program

By David McAfee

For many law firm attorneys hoping to move to a corporate legal department, learning the ins and outs of in-house work can be challenging. Those in Southern California will soon have access to some formal help.

UC Irvine School of Law Dean Erwin Chemerinsky announced Wednesday a new program at the law school that will provide the necessary training for attorneys making the transition from private practice to in-house roles. The certificate-based Corporate Counsel College will also provide advanced training for current corporate attorneys. Chemerinsky said he hopes to launch the program by next summer and that he expects it to become one of the school's "signature programs."

"We've heard from so many people in corporate counsels' offices that lawyers who are making the transition from firms to in-house counsel don't get proper preparation," Chemerinsky said. "And we've also heard that there's not comprehensive training for those who have been corporate counsel for a while, an advanced program specifically geared for them."

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Chemerinsky said the program will help educate lawyers on topics that may not be taught to law firm attorneys but are necessary components of in-house practice, including advising business clients internally, ethical rules for in-house counsel and corporate finance.

The Corporate Counsel College will fill the gaps in education for those who wish to become corporate attorneys, while emphasizing an international focus, according to the detailed proposal prepared by a planning committee at the law school.

"By leveraging the School of Law's relationships with business leaders and universities in China, Korea and throughout the world, the Center will distinguish itself through adoption of a global perspective on corporate counseling and a commitment to giving in-house counsel the knowledge and skills they need to build profitable and lasting international business relationships, including between Asia and North America," the proposal states.

Although the curriculum is tentative, proposed training includes fundamentals of in-house legal practice; accounting, finance, taxation, corporate governance and securities; corporate strategy, innovation, intellectual property and marketing; managing risks and crises; in-house practice in the global business environment; and leading an effective legal department.

General counsel and other corporate attorneys will help shape the program as

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members of the Corporate Counsel College advisory board and board of directors, according to Chemerinsky. He said the details are still in the works but will be more thoroughly decided as the program takes shape.

Though many law schools are adding new programs to offset lost revenues from enrollment declines, Chemerinsky instead talked about how much the corporate counsel program will cost.

"We are looking for a number of different law firms and businesses to give us the money to hire the initial executive director," he said. Then, he said, "the director and the planning committee can take over planning the specific program and publicizing it."

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