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From 2012 to 2015, Stewart spent over 100 hours interviewing CEOs, CFOs, General Counsel, and Board members to learn what is expected from lawyers as business executives in today's environment. The insights gleaned from those conversations fostered the development of curriculum for workshops involving more than 300 CEOs, CFOs, General Counsel and their direct reports. The workshops, which included role play exercises and case studies were designed to help women in-house lawyers develop professionally and move towards a General Counsel role.

Stewart has spoken at and led panels for women lawyers, including the Women, Influence and Power in Law, (WIPL), American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), ACI's Women Leaders in Life Sciences Law conferences and others, on topics related to business planning, career development and diversity and inclusion. Stewart has also authored many columns for [InsideCounsel Magazine](#) on talent development topics, addressing strategic thinking, competencies needed to advance to the General Counsel position, executive presence, building trust in the C-Suite and others. He has also published articles and blogs on developing trusted advisor relationships.

From 1980 to 2001, Stewart practiced law in a variety of environments, including a large law firm, a boutique law firm, and as in-house counsel. His in-house legal work included legal departments in a number of domestic and multi-national companies including The TJX Companies, Staples, Welch's and D&B subsidiaries. As an attorney he regularly worked with and advised senior executives. Stewart holds degrees from Rider University and Boston University School of Law.

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