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## **What influenced you to join the Association of Corporate Counsel?**

I was in private practice for about 20 years before I moved in-house. I knew I would have to develop whole new skillsets very quickly, not to mention the cultural adjustment. ACC seemed a natural place for resources, education, and to make connections with other in-house attorneys. In fact, of all the professional organizations I have joined, ACC has not only been the most valuable, it has been the most congenial.

## **What has been the most rewarding aspect of your career thus far?**

I have never been bored. There is always something interesting to do or something new to learn. I have never regretted my career choice. Where else can you find a profession that not only has such a long history — Cicero was making arguments that still ring true when physicians were bleeding patients to adjust their humors — but which still has to respond to new issues all the time? Just last year the Litigation Committee issued a questionnaire and guide for law firm cybersecurity — a concept that did not even exist when I graduated from law school.

## **What ACC resources have been the most beneficial to you?**

I always read the Docket (although, in fairness, I note that I write for it too). Probably the most directly relevant are the InfoPAKs or the Top Ten lists to get my arms around a problem that I have not faced before. I also always go to the Annual Meeting, not just to get CLEs but to meet colleagues from all over.

## **What is the most interesting aspect of working for AVX Corporation?**

There is always variety. I face issues from around the globe every day. Just as important, I not only solve legal issues, I can be a counselor and teacher to help others do their jobs better. And I never, ever have to do marketing ever again.

## **What are the biggest challenges in-house attorneys will face in the coming years?**

Our roles keep getting more difficult without necessarily an increase in resources to do the work. When I started, for example, there were no IPRs (inter partes reviews) in the US Patent Office — they simply didn't exist. Now I have to analyze and track quite a few. Similarly, conflict minerals disclosures have developed as an entire area since I moved in-house.

## **You were nominated for Committee Member of the Year last year. Tell us about your contributions and accomplishments in service to the Litigation Committee.**

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I have been a bit of a hummingbird. I started out doing advocacy issues then moved to publications. I have done some educational programs at the Annual Meeting including the program on GM and the Valukas Report in 2015. Also, as I mentioned, I worked on the "Law Firm Cybersecurity: Questionnaire and Guide" (available on our committee page), which I think is a really valuable resource for all in-house counsel. This year I have contributed to the revitalized blog and will be revising an InfoPAK that was originally issued a few years ago.

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