

CLOs as Strategic Advisors: Global Growth and Opportunity

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A global majority (79 percent) of CLOs report directly to the CEO in their companies, according to the newly released **2025 ACC Chief Legal Officers Survey**, highlighting the growing strategic ownership of top-ranked lawyers within their organizations.

While the global trend has remained remarkedly stable, oscillating between 75 percent and 80 percent over the past seven years, there are stark differences by region. This year, 83 percent of CLOs in the US said they report directly to the CEO, compared to 73 percent of CLOs in Europe and in Asia. In Australia, only 57 percent of CLOs say they have a direct reporting line to the company's CEO, a significant decline in recent years.

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