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As AI and digital transformation reshape the legal profession, General Counsel and senior legal leaders face a pivotal question: how should the role evolve and what will distinguish those who lead confidently through change from those who fall behind?

Join us for a strategic discussion on the evolving role of the GC in an era defined by technological acceleration and rising business complexity. This is a candid, free-flowing conversation centered on how AI is changing the legal landscape, what digital transformation demands of modern legal leadership, and why the most future-ready GCs are those who embrace change rather than fear it while still grounding their influence in enduring human qualities that technology can't replace.

The session is moderated by Max Gelernter, Managing Director at BarkerGilmore. He guides a conversation featuring Ed Nekritz, Strategic Advisor and Executive Coach at BarkerGilmore and former Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel of Prologis, Inc., who brings decades of global legal, real estate, and board-governance experience. Joining him is Bjarne Tellmann, Strategic Advisor and Executive Coach at BarkerGilmore and former GC and CLO for major multinational companies, recognized for his international experience in building high-performing, business-aligned legal functions. Together, they share perspectives on the evolving expectations of modern legal leadership and what it takes for today's GCs to thrive amid technological disruption and shifting corporate priorities.

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