



DLA Piper Global Women's Leadership Summit



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Maria DiLorenzo is an experienced general counsel, executive, and trusted advisor to senior management and boards, with a proven record of leading legal teams and compliance functions in both public and private companies. She brings her pragmatic, collaborative style to tackling complex legal and regulatory issues and thrives on helping clients and teams improve productivity and reach goals through finding creative, yet balanced solutions. Always an optimist, she is currently in transition, looking forward to her next career adventure.

She most recently served as the SVP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for J.Crew Group, LLC for seven years, leading the legal and compliance functions during a time of transformation, including during its restructuring process and successful 2020 Chapter 11 reorganization.

Prior to leading the legal function at J.Crew she was VP, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Global Compliance Officer of Sears Holdings Corporation, where she held dual roles managing administration for its 150+ member law department; serving as lead counsel for a highly-regulated, multi-billion business division; and implementing an inaugural global compliance program, reporting to the Audit Committee of the Board. Over her sixteen years at Sears, she obtained vast experience across a wide array of subject matters, advancing through a series of promotions after starting as an entry-level attorney supporting the company's credit business.

Before her move in-house, Maria began her career in private practice at two Chicago law firms handling commercial litigation, restructuring and bankruptcy matters, becoming a member of the Federal Trial bar within her first several years of practice.

Maria holds a BA from Seattle University, *summa cum laude*, and JD from the University of Illinois College of Law. She lives in the Chicago area and spends her time outside of work with her husband/high school sweetheart and four children, and enjoying nature and the great outdoors, weather permitting!

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