



## Resilient podcast series

### The risk-aware Chief Legal Officer: Tough challenges promote legal's role

**Host:**

**Lori Lorenzo**, Research & Insights director, Chief Legal Officer program, Deloitte & Transactions & Business Analytics LLP

**Guests:**

**Vanessa Allen Sutherland**, EVP Government Relations and Chief Legal Officer at Norfolk Southern Corporation

**Lori Lorenzo:** Welcome to Resilient. I'm Lori Lorenzo, Deloitte's research and insights director for our Chief Legal Officer program, and co-host of the Chief Legal Officer track of this podcast series.

About a year ago, I hosted my first podcast and I have to say, I'm hooked. It's one of my favorite roles at Deloitte. I've had the pleasure of talking with some incredibly dynamic legal leaders and hearing some amazing stories.

Reflecting back, there are a few common threads. There's a strong sense of purpose. A call to serve. Natural curiosity, and the ability to listen and advise wisely.

The trend continues with today's guest, Vanessa Allen Sutherland, EVP Government Relations and Chief Legal Officer at Norfolk Southern Corporation.

**Vanessa Allen Sutherland:** "Lawyers are no longer, I think, able to cloak themselves in 'Well that's a legal decision and that's a business decision.' When you're in-house, they're really all risk management decisions that converge and sometimes have more of a business foundation or more of a legal foundation. But at the end of the day, you are a risk assessor."

**Lori Lorenzo:** I hope you enjoyed this preview. You can listen to the full episode

on your favorite podcast app. You can also tune into the full episode on Apple podcasts, SoundCloud, Stitcher, Amazon music, Spotify, or wherever you go to get your podcasts.

If you're curious about legal leadership and trends that are impacting today's in-house counsel, I encourage you to visit our Chief Legal Officer program site on [deloitte.com](https://deloitte.com).

Until next time, stay safe and remain resilient.

This podcast contains general information only and Deloitte is not, by means of this podcast, rendering accounting, business, financial, investment, legal, tax, or other professional advice or services. This podcast is not a substitute for such professional advice or services, nor should it be used as a basis for any decision or action that may affect your business. Before making any decision or taking any action that may affect your business, you should consult a qualified professional adviser. Deloitte shall not be responsible for any loss sustained by any person who relies on this podcast.

**About Deloitte**

Deloitte refers to one or more of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, a UK private company limited by guarantee ("DTTL"), its network of member firms, and their related entities. DTTL and each of its member firms are legally separate and independent entities. DTTL (also referred to as "Deloitte Global") does not provide services to clients. In the United States, Deloitte refers to one or more of the US member firms of DTTL, their related entities that operate using the "Deloitte" name in the United States, and their respective affiliates. Certain services may not be available to attest clients under the rules and regulations of public accounting. Please see [www.deloitte.com/about](https://www.deloitte.com/about) to learn more about our global network of member firms.