



HAZEL-ANN MAYERS
GENERAL COUNSEL, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER & LEGAL STRATEGIST

Hazel-Ann Mayers (Hazel) is a C-suite business partner and legal advisor to CEOs, executive management teams, business unit leaders, and boards of directors, with experience at both growth stage and mature corporations. She is recognized for helping companies to navigate industry volatility, business disruption, and challenges, including developing strategies to respond to and harness artificial intelligence (AI) and related technologies. Executive teams value Hazel for her ability to resolve extremely sensitive matters and navigate business disruptions with the highest degree of integrity and to act with calmness, dignity, and respect, even in the most difficult circumstances.

Currently, Hazel is General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Turnitin, LLC, a leading global education technology company, where she manages all legal affairs for the company, during a period of industry change and organizational transformation for the business. She is integrally involved in the Company's recent launch of its AI writing detection capabilities. She serves as Corporate Secretary for the Company, collaborating closely with Turnitin's Chief Executive Officer and its board of directors. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Fordham University School of Law, where she created and launched a course entitled "The Role of the General Counsel: Counselor, Strategist and Manager." The course explores a General Counsel's role as counselor and advisor to the CEO, C-Suite executives, and the board of directors, as well as other topics relating to a General Counsel's day-to-day role in the operations of the company.

Prior to that, Hazel was CBS Corporation's Executive Vice President, Chief Business Ethics and Compliance Officer, a newly created position with expanded authority and resources to create and lead corporate ethics and compliance initiatives during a period of regulatory review, heavy media scrutiny, and extensive changes in senior leadership. She collaborated closely with the CBS Board and senior management on highly-sensitive and high-impact matters. She also developed strategies to protect the company's reputation and minimize negative public visibility. Key accomplishments included upgrading and expanding the company's global compliance and business ethics program, increasing employee confidence and access to compliance resources, and creating the employee relations center of excellence.

Before that, Hazel was Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Simon and Schuster (S&S), CBS Corporation's publishing division, where she managed all enterprise-wide legal affairs for S&S and its global entities in the US, Canada, UK, Australia, and India. In this position, she partnered with the S&S President and CEO, its business units heads, and the Chief Financial, Operations, Marketing, Communications, and Human Resources Officers on all major title acquisitions, including the multimillion-dollar acquisition of the Adams Media imprint. She also managed the company's litigation docket, including high-profile defamation, IP, and commercial claims and actions, and achieved successful and cost-effective resolutions while securing departmental cost savings and spending reductions.

Earlier, Hazel advanced through the Viacom and CBS Corporation law departments and began her career in legal associate positions at well-known law firms Willkie Farr & Gallagher and Proskauer Rose.

Hazel is admitted to legal practice in New York and Washington D.C. and before the Southern District of New York and the United States Supreme Court. She is active in a number of professional associations, including as a Fellow at the American Bar Foundation, as a Board member of the Foundation for City College, and an Advisory Board member at the Women in Law Empowerment Forum. She has been honored with the Corporate Counsel National Women in Law Award in the Thought Leadership Category and has been profiled in The Legal 500's "General Counsel Magazine." She also was included on the 2022 "Crain's Notable Black Leaders" list and the inaugural list of "Crain's Leading Women Lawyers in New York City." Hazel earned her Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School and graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts, Pre-Law, from the City College of New York, where she was Phi Beta Kappa and a Golden Key and City College Scholar. She and her family live in Baldwin, New York.