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This year the publishing arm of The National Law Journal is recognizing the inaugural list of people who have truly "moved the needle" in facilitating the changing ways that law firms conduct business towards governance, risk and compliance. Whether it be technological developments, operational efficiencies, marketing & business development breakthroughs, or research - we think this list embodies the spirit that will shepherd and shape modern law firms as a business going into 2014 and beyond.

While we realize that there are hundreds who could be acknowledged for their contributions towards transforming the way law firm approach governance, risk and compliance, we believe this list to be the best. Governance, Risk and Compliance Trailblazers & Pioneers catalogs the extraordinary accomplishments of these ground breaking thinkers - we sincerely hope you enjoy this special section, and look forward to compiling next year's list!

Congratulations again to this year's honorees.

All the best,

Scott Pierce

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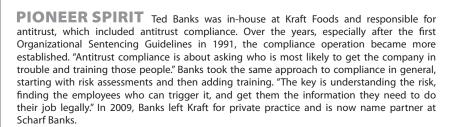
PIONEER SPIRIT Geoffrey Aronow spent the early part of his career in private practice doing regulatory work until 1995, when he joined the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) as Director of Enforcement. He returned to private practice in 1999 and continued to focus on derivatives matters, until Chairman Elisse Walker named him general counsel of the SEC in 2013. When Mary Jo White replaced Walker, Aronow became Senior Counsel to the Chair in order to focus on international issues and soon became Chief Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor to the Commission's Office of International Affairs.

TRAILS BLAZED Stock markets have only recently become internationally oriented, but futures have long had delivery points worldwide. "On the securities side, regulators have had to catch up on dealing with issues on an international basis." Aronow has focused on the process of making regulations work across jurisdictions. "Derivatives are a much different market. They've been regulated for years, but the swap markets are just now being regulated for the first time." Aronow is focusing in part on finding the right model for regulating different parts of the securities market going forward.

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS Aronow believes that over the next few years there will be a continued focus on finding the optimum balance of international harmonization and independent regulatory action. "There's clearly a debate that will continue on whether it benefits the markets to have everyone singing from the same hymnal, or are different strategies inevitable—and perhaps beneficial because you can see what works."

THEODORE L. BANKS

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TRAILS BLAZED Over the years, Banks' approach was validated by the relative lack of problems experienced by the company in the areas covered by the compliance program. "One of the benefits was creating a mechanism for getting people to report things early so we could manage legal risks and also contain any reputational damage. Every consumer has the choice to buy a different product and they will make that choice if they feel they can't trust the company." An early adopter of technology, Banks animated his first presentations with Harvard Graphics and developed one of the first employee-facing intranets for compliance.

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS Banks believes that there is going to be compliance information on every device. "You'll be able to ask your smartphone, 'What are the limits on taking a government employee out to lunch?' and get an answer instantly."





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