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WHAT ELSE DO CORPORATE COUNSEL SAY ABOUT DOING BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA?

READ THE 2015 SURVEY

A new Archer Norris white paper, “The Reverse California Gold Rush,” explores the results of a recent survey of in-house counsel. The survey, conducted by ALM Marketing Services, polled more than 100 corporate counsel whose companies have business interests in California ranging from aerospace to waste management. In it, they reveal their thoughts on a number of important issues.

Sunny, healthy, laid-back—these are the words that come to mind when we think of the California climate. But when it comes to the state’s legal climate, we may need a whole new dictionary. According to the survey, litigating in California is no day at the beach.

65% of survey responders used the word “burdensome” to describe the California legal system, with “complex” (44%) and “cumbersome” (38%) coming in close behind. (Other descriptors included “hostile to business interests,” “lawless,” and “fascist.”) Employment litigation, environmental and regulatory matters and commercial litigation were seen as especially difficult here compared with other states. As a result, many lawyers said they struggle in deciding whether to seek recourse in the courts when disputes arise in California.



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