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## How to Work Better with your Attorney or AAG

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# BOARD SURVEY RESULTS

































“The board often finds itself in an adversarial relationship with the AG attorney -- they don't treat the board as a client but are more concerned with their own image as an elected official.”



## What if your legal advice is not followed?

“Well I begin by repeating the advice in French, because if they opt to not follow my advice, it must mean that I haven't spoken in the correct language.”



## What if your legal advice is not followed?

“If the Board has been advised and the law clearly outlined, I leave it alone.

“It is their decision. If I have properly outlined consequences and guidance, it is their decision, not mine.”



“It's important to never forget that an attorney's counsel is but an educated opinion. A Board member is ultimately responsible to the public, and must therefore weight counsel's opinion with the overriding goal of doing what's best for our constituents.”





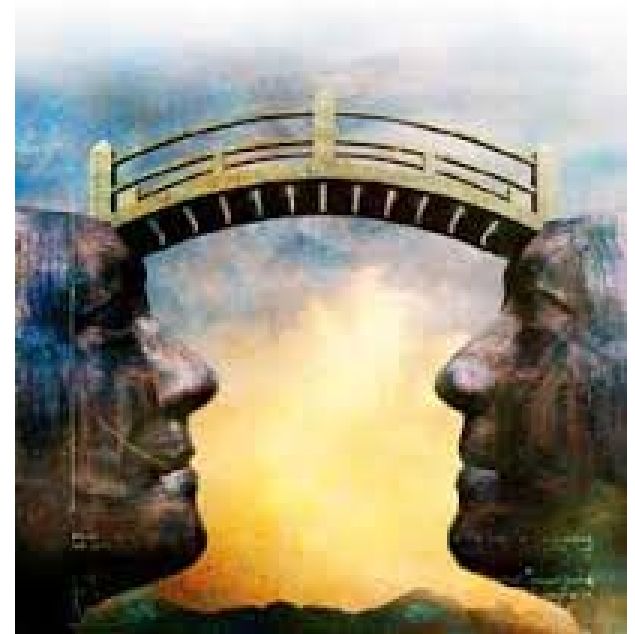
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# Communication and Education











“I . . . think that there is a lot of role overlap in many boards—

“executives and board members who want the attorney to 'decide' for them, executives who do the board members jobs, board members who allow it.”





“I think that the boards rarely provide feedback to their board lawyers.”



“Board attorneys are not always receptive to feedback from board and board staff.”





“As in-house counsel I am involved in all aspects of the operation.”





“What would enhance the functioning of board counsel?”

“Time and the opportunity to learn about issues percolating in the profession.”

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# Think Strategically













“When the board wanted an official opinion written . . . and the division chose not to honor the requests . . ., I made a recommendation [to] use an entity that could get the opinion they needed.”



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## Thank You

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