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[Jennifer Quillen](#) oversees the firm's compliance strategy and is responsible for ensuring its overall effective readiness in preventing, protecting, and

"Oh yes we did!" Smith Debnam: First U.S. Law Firm to Appoint Full-Time Compliance Officer

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2013's 10 Big Moments for Chief Compliance officers.

Amidst the continuing debate about [why law firms don't need compliance programs](#) (short argument: they're "special"), a small firm in North Carolina quietly went out and hired itself a full-time, senior-level chief compliance officer. And the rest of them are, like, "Oh no they didn't!" And they're like, "Oh yes we did!"

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correcting any incident of noncompliance. With the functional authority that grants her complete independence and objectivity, Jennifer monitors all activities across the firm in accordance with firm policies and client industry regulations, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies. Jennifer has

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