

Law360's Benefits Editorial Advisory Board

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Jeanie Cogill practices in the executive compensation, pension plan investments and employee benefits areas of law. She advises public and private companies on all aspects of executive compensation arrangements, including equity incentive programs, golden parachute arrangements, performance incentive arrangements, severance programs and nonqualified deferred compensation plans.



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