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VITALS: University of Toledo College of Law, J.D., 1993, Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, Law Review. University of Cincinnati, B.A., Political Science, 1989.

WHAT: GE is a diversified infrastructure, media, and finance company with approximately 1,300 lawyers in locations around the globe. GE's global headquarters are in Fairfield, Conn.

AT THE BAR: Association of Corporate Counsel board of directors.

OFFICE TECHNOLOGY: Microsoft Corp.'s Windows XP operating system, Outlook; CT Tymetrix Inc. matter management and e-billing system; **PSS Systems' Atlas Legal hold system**; Lexis/Nexis research services. Cisco Systems Inc.'s WebEx Connect. Laptop: Dell Inc. Latitude D420.

HOME OFFICE: Dell Inspiron E1705 laptop. Time Warner Cable bundle (TV/ISP/VoIP phone). I live in a Manhattan apartment, no room for a printer.

SOFTWARE I USE THE MOST: Google.

MOST RECENT TECH PURCHASE: Sony PRS 700 Digital Reader (I wasn't patient enough to wait for

Kindle to restock.)

NEXT TECH PURCHASE: A netbook; still researching models.

PDA: BlackBerry 8820.

FAVORITE PDA SOFTWARE: SMS, BlackBerry Messenger.

FAVORITE NON-TECH MAGAZINES: *The Economist* and *The New Yorker*.

FAVORITE TV SHOW: *30 Rock*.

FAVORITE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION: Running shoes.

LAST BOOK READ: *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe

WHERE WOULD WE FIND YOU ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON: Playing tennis or at Equinox gym.

APPOINTMENT I NEVER MISS: Watching Ohio State football games.

MOST IMPORTANT LEGAL TECH TREND: Strong collaboration and communication tools are crucial in an environment where we all have to do more with much less. At GE, we have been able to cut travel considerably by using our new video conferencing system, called TelePresence, from Cisco Systems Inc. Firms that are developing effective tools to help people work together without being together are in a great position — e.g., video conferencing, extranets, e-discovery collaboration, online meetings, etc.

TECH ACCOMPLISHMENT IN LAST YEAR: Learning to download books.

FAVORITE TECH SECRET: Jay Brudz, GE's senior counsel for legal technology, is our secret weapon.

FAVORITE URL: Andrew Sullivan's *Daily Dish* blog: <http://andrewsullivan.theatlantic.com>.

LAST VACATION: San Miguel, Mexico.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle." — *Plato*

