

Three game changers for company secretaries By Caroline Evans, MindLeap

I have met hundreds of company secretaries over the years and for many the key question is: "How can I develop my career beyond the company secretarial role?"

As company secretaries have both experience within the boardroom and an oversight of operational divisions, their core skills are easily transferable.

My answer is therefore threefold:

- 1. Evaluate your technical skills. Corporate governance expertise, strategy planning and budget management are just three to name. Where are your strengths?
- 2. Enhance what you have. Leverage your skills within the business and determine how you can build on them through your external networks.
- 3. *Be bold, don't hesitate*. Seek out and seize opportunities, develop specialist knowledge and promote yourself.

There are so many directions a company secretary can take – and the senior executive is attainable.

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