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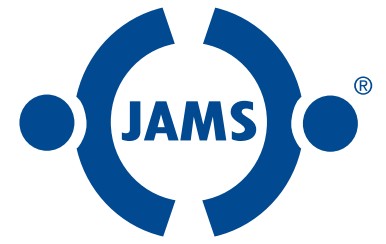
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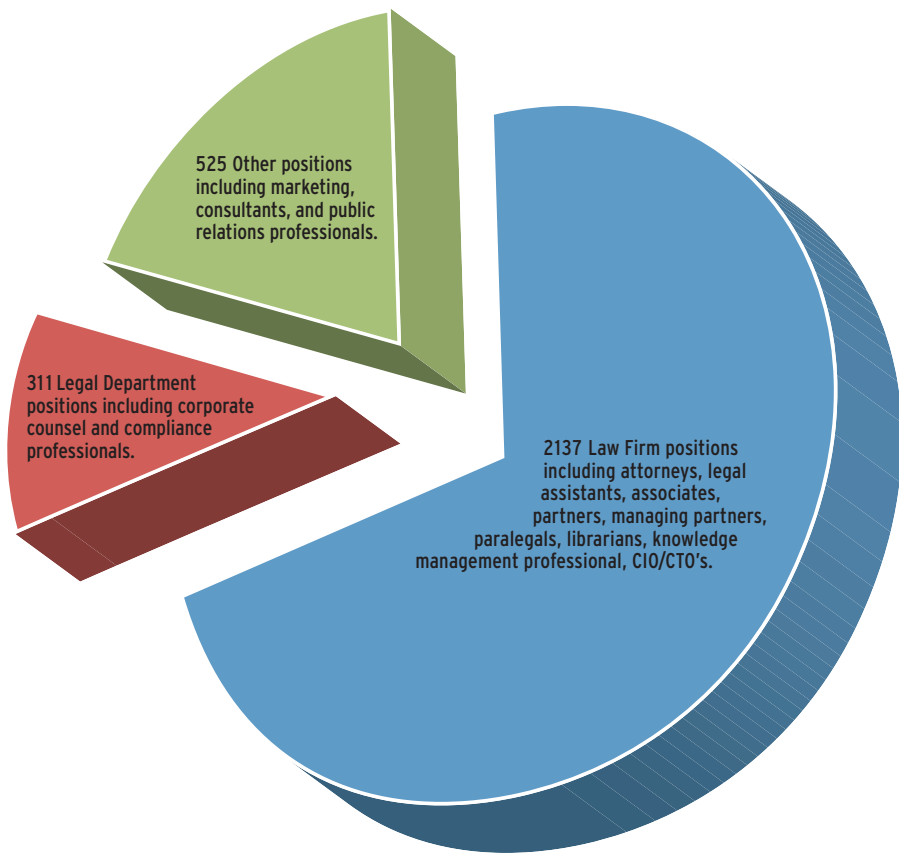
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The Recorder's 2014 BEST survey generated responses from 2973 legal professionals from across the California legal market - representing individuals from every level of law firms, legal departments and legal services.

The results reflect an engaged audience of informed professionals who are keenly aware of the organizations that support California's legal community.

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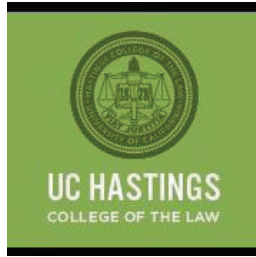
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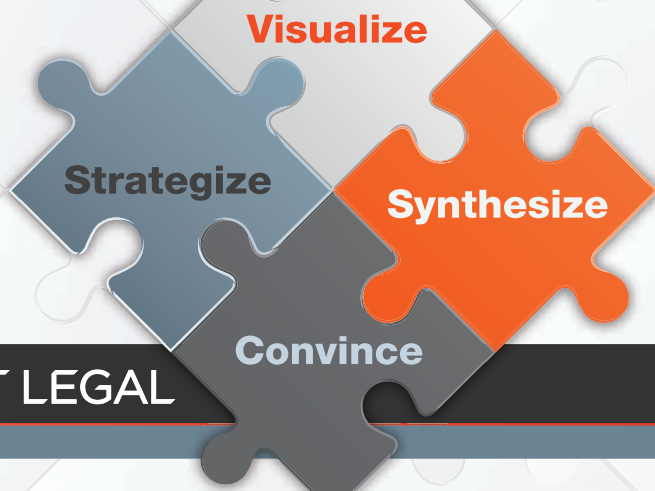
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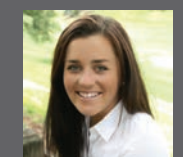
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