

Operating Readiness Engagement Led by UpLevel Ops

Case Study: Analog Devices | Legal & Risk Optimization Function

UpLevel Ops was engaged by Analog Devices (ADI) to strengthen the operating foundations of its Legal & Risk Optimization (LRO) function following a major acquisition and continued global expansion.

The mandate was practical: ensure that intake, budgeting, outside counsel management, and automation could support scale without introducing inconsistency or loss of financial control.

This was not a technology-first initiative. It was an operating discipline initiative.

Designing the Operating Framework

The engagement began with structure.

UpLevel Ops worked with LRO leadership to formalize intake standards across teams and regions, establish budgeting discipline at matter setup, strengthen outside counsel management, and align financial systems to support clearer forecasting and reporting.

Rather than layering automation onto uneven processes, the work focused first on defining consistent operating conditions across the function.

What Changed

- Intake became standardized across teams and regions
- Budgeting shifted from optional to required at matter setup
- Outside counsel engagement became disciplined and measurable
- Financial data aligned through Legal Tracker-SAP integration
- Automation was deployed against defined operating standards

The result was a legal function better positioned to scale with predictability and control.

Automation Followed Structure

Once operating standards were clearly defined and streamlined, ADI expanded workflow automation in collaboration with **Checkbox**.

Checkbox's no-code platform enabled the LRO team to build and manage structured workflows internally.

These workflows reinforced standardized intake, reduced manual coordination, and routed routine matters through defined approval paths.

Automation was applied against established governance, and this sequencing supported adoption and reduced variability as the function continued to scale.

Structural Impact

With operating standards in place, the LRO function demonstrated sustained improvements in predictability, cost control, and engagement speed while continuing to grow globally.

Budget compliance at intake became consistent. Outside counsel management became more transparent and measurable. Engagement setup accelerated. Routine operational email traffic declined as structured intake channels gained adoption.

The improvements reflected structural change rather than short-term cost initiatives.

2026 ACC Value Champions

The Association of Corporate Counsel recognized **Analog Devices**, together with **UpLevel Ops** and **Checkbox**, as a 2026 Value Champion. The recognition reflected operating maturity under growth conditions: budgeting discipline at intake, measurable governance, and automation aligned with defined standards.

About UpLevel Ops

UpLevel Ops is a Legal Operations advisory firm founded by Stephanie Corey, Co-Founder of CLOC and Global Chair of LINK x L Suite. We partner with corporate legal departments to strengthen operating discipline, improve predictability, and align legal delivery with business expectations.

Our work begins with structured assessments of people, process, technology, and spend. We evaluate workflows before recommending automation, ensuring that tools reinforce defined standards rather than digitize inconsistency. From intake and budgeting to outside counsel governance and AI readiness, we help legal teams implement practical guardrails that make results measurable and sustainable.

If you are evaluating how your legal function is structured to support scale and predictability, we welcome the conversation.

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100% Matters Budgeted at Intake

20% Reduction in Total LRO Spend

50%+ Matters Under Fixed-Fee / VBP

10% Reduction in Outside Counsel Spend