

# **Tesla Top Lawyer Quits After Two Months in Latest Major Departure**

**Veteran trial lawyer Dane Butswinkas returns to a law firm, while company insider Jonathan Chang takes his place**



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One of the biggest things preventing Elon Musk from releasing a mass market electric vehicle comes down to the vehicle's blessing and curse: its lithium-ion battery. We break down the science and the cost.

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Tesla Inc. is losing its general counsel two months after hiring him, replacing the veteran trial lawyer with a longtime insider who helped the electric car company navigate some of its biggest legal issues.


Dane Butswinkas is leaving Tesla to return to his law firm Williams & Connolly, where he had spent almost 30 years before being named as the auto maker's general counsel in December, the company confirmed on Wednesday.

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