



Joe Murphy's speech introducing Donne Boehme at the 2014 Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics' Compliance and Ethics Institute in Chicago

Tonight I will talk about [fluffy little kittens and big bold lions](#).

Tonight SCCE and our profession recognize Donna Boehme as a leader – a champion of the empowered, independent CECO and of all compliance professionals.

Donna is one who is not afraid to take on those who would prefer to muzzle us. As Donna has said, they like us to be “fluffy little kittens,” but not lions who can roar and take real bites out of those who would misuse their power.

Donna has worked tirelessly for this profession, sometimes on the public stage, and sometimes in quiet discussions with desperate, discouraged colleagues who get much-needed solace from Donna, their soul-mate.

She has advanced our cause by using imagination, persistence and some of the most inspiring language of any writer in our field. She has performed on the SCCE board and as a peerless columnist for our magazine. She has worked with such allies as the highly-respected RAND Center and the Conference Board to champion our cause, and has worked behind the scenes to educate journalists, policymakers and regulators.

She draws on years of practical experience as the first global ethics and compliance officer for two leading multinationals.

She masterfully uses social media and wit to win friends and consternate those who want us to just curl up and purr quietly in the corner.

She has lampooned the weak-kneed advocates of “Kumbaya compliance,” targeting those who don't want compliance people to do any actual work or ruffle any feathers, but just join hands

and sing happy songs – more fluffy little kittens.

She has been a driver for our profession both throughout the US and internationally.

I give you the lion of compliance, Donna Boehme.

