Reinventing the Corporate Secretary

Explore the expanded duties and functions of the corporate secretary

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Workshop Included:
The Effective Use of External Counsel



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course highlights

- Get leading-edge insights from corporate secretaries and top legal counsel about:
- The new role and changing duties of the corporate secretary
- · Satisfying enhanced director information needs
- Update on new securities regulation and draft legislation
- Alerting the board and senior management to growing shareholder concerns

who should attend

Corporate secretaries & executives responsible for company secretary duties, financial directors or controllers, in-house lawyers, professional advisors and commercial lawyers

COURSE LEADERS

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Bill Gilliland is a Partner at Dentons Canada **LLP**. He has worked with board special committees on strategic transactions and has advised numerous public company boards of directors on governance and decision-making issues.

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COURSE PROGRAM

CORPORATE SECRETARIAL PANEL DISCUSSION: RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

The role of the corporate secretary is becoming more and more complex and fundamental to the governance structure of most corporations. This panel discussion details some of the practical day-to-day challenges associated with the corporate secretary role and how to master them.

- Role of the corporate secretarial function in fostering good corporate governance
- Managing the meetings
- Expanding The role and duties of the corporate secretary
- Managing and adding value to board processes
- Becoming strategically focused

· Satisfying enhanced director information needs

LIABILITY ISSUES

themselves.

Managing increasingly conflicting board and management interests

As boards come under increasing pressure to be accountable for how

well they do their job, monitoring the role, duties & liabilities of directors has become an essential piece in the governance puzzle. This session

will focus on the corporate secretary's growing role in board oversight,

featuring best practices for avoiding liability for their company and

Instituting more rigorous board and committee evaluations

GUIDING COMPANY DIRECTORS: ROLES, DUTIES &

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ESTABLISHING GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Canadian securities regulatory landscape has changed dramatically over the last few years. New corporate governance standards have forced corporate secretaries to review and rework their existing practices to meet new requirements. This session will examine the new boardroom realities.

- Emerging priorities in governance
- Achieving the right balance of internal controls, audits and self-assessment
- Recent legal developments impacting boards of directors
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the company's corporate governance policies and programs in a time of growing scrutiny

ENSURING LEGAL & ETHICAL CONDUCT BY THE CORPORATION & THE BOARD

The relationship between the board of directors and the corporate secretary is vital to corporate decision-making. This session explores leading practitioners' best practices for ensuring adherence to high legal and ethical standards of behaviour.

- Confirming the roles of the corporate secretary
- Evaluating the corporation's legal compliance
- Reporting illegal or unethical conduct

TRADITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND NEW CHALLENGES OF THE CORPORATE SECRETARY

Today's corporate secretary is now seen as chief governance specialist with boards increasingly reliant on them for advice and support. This session will provide an overview of the evolving and expanding roles, duties, legal rights and liabilities of corporate secretaries and the boards they serve.

- The changing and challenging role of today's corporate secretary
- New delegated authority risk management approaches
- Emerging liability issues for the corporate secretary
- Expanded legal requirements for company secretaries
- The growing skill qualifications required by today's corporate secretary

CORPORATE SECRETARY'S ROLE IN DIRECTOR SUCCESSION

Nearly every board in Canada has been, is, or soon will be searching for new outside directors. Assessing your director succession plan is crucial in order to ensure your board continues to have the right director mix and that the structure of the board reflects the strategic direction that the board has set for itself.

- Involvement with the nominating committee in director selection
- Creating formal board candidate job descriptions
- Defining the roles and responsibilities of individual directors
- Dealing with the greater pressure from institutional shareholders

THE VIRTUAL CORPORATE SECRETARY

This session will explore the emerging concept of the virtual corporate secretary. Discover what this means and what it entails for the business of the future.

- Offering notice and access to your shareholders
- Developments under National Instrument 54-101and National Instrument 51-102
- Corporate statute requirements regarding mailing of information circulars and financial statements
- Opt -out provisions
- The U.S. experience

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN BOARD EVALUATIONS

Developing and implementing an effective board evaluation program is key in enabling organizations to improve on past performance. This session will explore the necessary steps and tools for designing and implementing a sound evaluation program.

- · Board and director evaluations
- Constructive performance assessments of troubled boards
- Guiding principles for effective evaluation processes and stages of implementation
- Linking the board's renewal needs to performance assessment

DEALING WITH SHAREHOLDER ACTIVISM

Institutional investors, hedge funds and shareholder representatives have become increasingly active in advancing various governance issues. This practical and interactive discussion will explore some of the emerging governance issues, the tactics being employed by shareholder activists and how the corporate secretary can be proactive in the face of this new shareholder activism.

- Being proactive: shareholder meetings and the corporate secretary
- Defending against activism
- Disclosure requirements for shareholder meetings
- Enhanced shareholder communications
- Board and management engagement with shareholders
- Emerging governance issues
- Alerting the board and senior management to growing shareholder concerns
- Restoring confidence through increased transparency

CRISIS MANAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

In times of crisis or other major events, it falls to the general counsel to keep the board informed and ready to act. This session will walk you through best practices in fulfilling your duties to the board when handling a corporate crisis.

- Obligations, responsibilities and ethical considerations when responding to a corporate crisis
- How corporate counsel can protect corporate image in time of crisis
- Identifying potential threats on the horizon
- Shaping and delivering effective messages for all stakeholders

WORKSHOP

THE EFFECTIVE USE OF EXTERNAL COUNSEL

Most corporations retain external counsel and have established relationships with law firms. Institutional and corporate users of legal services are becoming more businesslike in retaining external counsel. This session will examine methods for managing the cost and performance of external counsel.

- Retaining the lawyer and the firm
- Forecasting demand for legal services
- Measures to reduce external legal spend by 20%
- Performance-based fees for external counsel

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Managing the Cost & Performance of External Counsel

Richard G. Stock Catalyst Consulting

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Alan Curleigh Northstar Trade Finance Inc.

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Gordon G. Raman Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

The Board's Role in the ERM Framework

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