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Doing Your Part to Ensure Good Corporate Governance

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who should attend

General Counsel and Corporate Secretaries looking to enhance their role in good corporate governance

course highlights

- Hear from some of Canada's sharpest legal minds on what it takes to enhance your organization's governance practices
- Explore leading practitioners' best practices for ensuring adherence to high legal and ethical standards of behaviour
- Explore emerging governance issues, the tactics being employed by shareholder activists and how a board and corporation can be proactive in the face of new shareholder activism



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COURSE PROGRAM

THE EVOLVING ROLE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL IN SUPPORTING THE BOARD

The role of the general counsel has expanded to include a growing range of executive responsibilities. GCs must be better equipped to deal with increasing volatility in the business environment in which companies operate today. This session will examine the expanding responsibilities of general counsel and how they can effectively contribute to overall corporate performance.

- Overview of the evolution in the role of the GC: how the General Counsel will have to adapt to the changing demands of the business
- · Pressure fueling the evolution in the role of the GC
- · Compliance issues and governance processes on the ground
- Impact of the changing roles and responsibilities on the structure of the legal team
- · What the GC's team is expected to deliver and how
- · Different models of an in-house legal team

MANAGING BOARD RELATIONS TO MAXIMIZE VALUE-ADD TO YOUR ORGANIZATION

One of the many roles of counsel is to provide support and guidance to your board. Boards are focusing more closely than ever on their risk oversight responsibility to the corporation. This session will examine current best practices in board process, director communication and onboarding new directors, focusing on the general counsel's role in risk oversight.

- · Best practices in working with the board and committees
- Facilitating and promoting better board, shareholder and community relations
- Managing conflicting board and management interests
- · Maintaining effective communication with your board
- Assessing directors' information needs: being gatekeepers to the right information
- · How to compile and disseminate information to the board

SUPPLEMENTARY COURSE MATERIAL

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EFFECTIVE USE OF RULES OF PRIVILEGE AND **DISCLOSURE**

Establishing and preserving corporate privilege and confidentiality is a major and growing concern for general counsel. This session will uncover the greatest and most troubling threats to corporate privilege and provide you with leading practices for effectively respond to the future challenges.

- · The working of privilege within an organizational structure
- · Establishing privilege in regulatory and criminal investigations
- · Affording maximum protection of solicitor-client confidentiality
- Latest strategies in asserting a claim of privilege
- Use of privilege to protect disclosure of information and documents for litigation purposes

CORPORATE RECORD MANAGEMENT: THE CREATION, USE AND ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Accurate and effective corporate records management has become a key issue in managing the risk to general counsels due to the heightened focus on compliance. This session will explore the considerable organization skills and attention to detail required for effective record management.

- · Establishing a record management policy
- · The state of the law concerning maintenance of corporate records
- · New record disposal issues
- New methods for organizing, retrieving, explaining and certifying corporate records

DEALING WITH EMPLOYMENT LAW ISSUES

As employment and labour law continues to evolve, claims by employees and the cost of addressing them are on the rise. This session will examine the latest issues in effectively addressing the growing challenges in labour and employment law.

- · Handling employee complaints
- · Duty to accommodate
- · Workplace privacy issues
- · Wrongful dismissal and discrimination claims
- · Addressing developing labor relations issues

PROTECTING IP & BRAND REPUTATION

With the degree of resources being invested in R&D and marketing, coupled with the potential value of IP and brand reputation, corporate counsel have been giving increased attention to the function of IP departments within their organization. This session will examine the role of counsel in defining and protecting IP and brand reputation.

- Developing a proactive IP protection strategy
 How to expand your surveillance activities
- · Making strategic decisions and managing risk in a brand enforcement program
- Promoting brand integrity and enforcing IP rights

NEGOTIATING MAJOR BUSINESS AGREEMENTS: NEGOTIATION BEST PRACTICES

In today's give-and-take business environment, everything is negotiable. Effective contract negotiation and management is therefore at the heart of general counsel's role. This session explores negotiation techniques for reaching and finalizing agreements.

- · Recent developments in the law of contract
- · Key principles of good drafting technique
- Effective use of limitation of liability clauses
- · Troubleshooting during the contracting process

DEALING WITH SHAREHOLDER ACTIVISM

This discussion will explore the tactics being employed by shareholder activists and how a corporation and its general counsel can be proactive in the face of this new shareholder activism.

- Emerging governance issues
- Executive compensation and disclosure
- Majority voting for directors
- · Shareholder proposals

GENERAL COUNSEL'S ROLE IN THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

This session will examine general counsel's role in assessing regulatory trends, user-generated content issues, policing user misconduct and minimizing the risks involved in the use of social media in your busi-

- · Key legal issues affecting businesses engaged in social media areas of liability and accountability
- Adopting corporate policies for social media use
- Teaming with communications, HR and IT departments to manage your online risks
- · Addressing privacy issues

MANAGING LEGAL RISKS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

With the transnational nature of business increasing for organizations of all sizes, to be successful you need to be well versed in a growing number international legal matters, including ethics and reputational risk on a global level. This session will look at managing your legal team and emerging risks in international business.

- Managing potential pitfalls in doing business in high-risk jurisdictions
- Governance issues when operating globally
- Negotiating and structuring international business agreements
- · Managing regulatory compliance obligations in multiple jurisdictions

COUNSEL AS THE BOARD'S INFORMATION GATEKEEPER

One of the most important jobs of the general counsel is to provide the board with the tools they need to make the best decisions for the company and its shareholders, which can in part be satisfied by serving as the gatekeeper to the most important corporate information. By aiding the board in its decision-making through providing it with relevant and material information, general counsel's activity could result in limiting the possibility of director liability.

- Assessing directors' information needs
- How to compile and disseminate information to the board
- Being gatekeepers to the right information
- Knowing the processes that management takes in reaching its decisions

WORKSHOP

MANAGING TOTAL LEGAL SPEND

The costs of legal services for an organization have been steadily rising due to its expanding role, rising complexity and increased demand. This session will look at approaches that can be taken to manage the total legal spend.

- Budgeting internal & external costs
- Efficiently using convergence and partnering with law firms
- Alternative pricing for external counsel
- Effective litigation management techniques to limit costs
- Utilizing workflow management systems
- Implementing legal project management Engaging different legal resource options/structures for maximum return on budget

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Defining the Role of Counsel in Governance: Working with the Board

L. Brian Swartz. Aecon Group Inc.

Ensuring Legal and Ethical Behaviour by the Corporation and the Board

Charlene Anderson, University of Calgary

Defining the General Counsel's Governance Role

David Taniguchi & David R. J. Lefebvre, Stikeman Elliott LLP

Managing Risk & Legal Compliance

Dallas L. Droppo, Q.C., Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Assisting the Board's Use of Independent **Outside Counsel & Advisors**

Paulina Hiebert. The Brick Group Income Fund

General Counsel's Role in Maximizing **Board Effectiveness**

Dean Burns Boardwalk REIT

The Evolving Role of General Counsel in Supporting the Board

Monica Kowal, The Ontario Securities Commission

Managing Board Relations to Maximize Value-Add to &Your Organization

Gary O. Jessop, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

The Board and Outside Advisors

Elizabeth Wilson, Ernst & Young LLP

Boards in Action: Practical Ways to Identify and Mitigate Risk

David W. Anderson, The Anderson Governance Group

Risk Oversight Monitoring and Reporting

Canadian Tire Corporation, Limited

Establishing and Implementing Effective Enterprise Risk Management Practices: A Board Perspective

Alan R. Curleigh, Canadian Commercial Corporation

The Board's Role in the ERM Framework

Fay Booker, Booker & Associates

The Board's Oversight Role in M&As and Takeovers

Fred Fnns. Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Developing a Governance & Risk Reporting Initiative

Elaine Aimone & Rhoda Lordly, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute

Evaluating & Adjusting Risk Responses to Keep Your Risk Profile Current

Andrew Poprawa, Deposit Insurance Corporation of Ontario

Special Committees: Their Role in Addressing Risk

Michael J. Laffin, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Establishing and Maintaining Effective Risk Management Practices

Darlene Halwas TransAlta Corporation

Identification and Mitigation of **International Corruption Risks**

Martin Mueller, Nexen Inc.

The Board's Role in Technology **Investment Oversight**

Robert Matheson, Glenbriar Technologies Inc.

Managing Emerging Risks: Very Low Probability and Very High Impact

Shirley A. Forrest PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Implementing an Effective Risk Management Framework

Fay Booker Booker and Associates Inc.

D&O Liability in Executive Compensation Cases

Eleni Maroudas. CHUBB Insurance Company of Canada

Business Insolvency, Restructuring, and Bankruptcy Bryan Finlay, Q.C.

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Corporate Law Exposure and the **Business Judgment Rule**

Mitchell H. Gropper, Q.C. Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP

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