

Boards in the aftermath of coronavirus

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Seminar Description

Company directors have scrambled to respond to coronavirus and its consequences. With the rapidly developing situation, we are still in the early stages of understanding the impact that COVID-19 will have on board structure, Characteristic, composition and process. In the aftermath of coronavirus, boards may seek new expertise, perhaps from among the epidemiologists and disease modellers who have come to the fore, This webinar outlines several best practices that BOD should adopt to respond to the challenges and risks posed by coronavirus pandemic.

Topics Covered

- The board of directors (BOD)
 - Role of the board and its governance responsibilities in the aftermath of coronavirus
 - Board structure, Characteristic, Composition and process in the aftermath of coronavirus
 - Effectiveness of the board, its committees and individual board members. Performance evaluation of the board
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- BOD, strategy, and Risk Management in the aftermath of coronavirus
 - The nature of risks facing companies and other organizations
 - Responsibilities for risk management and internal control: board of directors, executive management, audit committee, and external auditors
 - The implications of business risk and strategy selection for governance

Learning Outcomes

- Advice on BOD governance challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that the pursuit of strategic objectives is in line with developments in best practice.
- Analyze and evaluate situations in which governance problems arise and provide recommendations for solutions.
- Apply the principles of risk management and appraise the significance of risk management for good governance.