



2025

Board Education Resource Guide

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Effective board members know that staying current is key to upholding their responsibilities to their shareholders. The good news is there are numerous educational opportunities for directors offered in a variety of settings: academic campuses, law firm offices, hotel ballrooms in major cities, and, of course, your personal computer or tablet.

Woodruff Sawyer is pleased to offer this interactive guide that highlights some of the upcoming board education events.

The events are organized into six categories:

- (I) Board Level Multi-Day Events
- (II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events
- (III) Short-Shot Events (In Person)
- (IV) Online Content (Webinars/Podcasts)
- (V) Blogs and Resource Portals
- (VI) Woodruff Sawyer's Customized Educational Programs

(I) Board Level Multi-Day Events

DEC
5-6
2024

Summit Directors and Officers Conference

Park City, UT

Cost: \$675

summitconf.org

JUN
23-25
2025

Stanford Directors' College

One of the premier director education courses in the country and one of the few that directors often attend multiple times.

Stanford, CA

Stanford Law School

Cost: \$7,950 by December 5, 2024; \$8,450 by March 7, 2025; and \$8,950 after March 7, 2025

conferences.law.stanford.edu

APR
8-11
2025

UCLA's Corporate Governance Program

Los Angeles, CA

UCLA Anderson School of Management

Cost: \$8,500

anderson.ucla.edu



If you choose to attend Stanford Directors' College, ask your Woodruff Sawyer contact for a discount code.

(I) Board Level Multi-Day Events, Continued

JUN
9-12
2025

Corporate Governance: Effectiveness and Accountability in the Boardroom

Evanston, IL

Northwestern University Kellogg School
of Management

Cost: \$11,500

kellogg.northwestern.edu

NOV
3-6
2025

JUL
16-19
2025

Making Corporate Boards More Effective

Boston, MA

Harvard Business School's flagship
board program

Cost: \$13,000

exed.hbs.edu

NOV
12-15
2025

OCT
12-15
2025

NACD Global Board Leaders' Summit

Washington, DC

Cost: \$3,895 by February 5, 2025;
\$4,495 by April 30, 2025;
\$4,995 by July 31, 2025; and
\$5,495 after August 1, 2025

summit.nacdonline.org

OCT
13-17
2025

Stanford Directors' Consortium

This is a joint offering from

- Stanford Graduate School of Business
- Stanford Law School

Stanford, CA

Cost: \$16,000

gsb.stanford.edu

(II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events

FEB 3
–
MAR 21
2025

Building Board Expertise on Sustainability

Virtual

University of Michigan
Ross School of Business

Cost: \$2,500

michiganross.umich.edu

FEB 4
–
MAR 4
2025

Wharton ESG Essentials

Virtual

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Cost: \$4,500

executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu

FEB
4-5
2025

Boards That Lead: Corporate Governance That Builds Value

Philadelphia, PA

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Cost: \$6,500

executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu

FEB 4
–
APR 5
2025

Wharton ESG Executive Certificate for Senior Leaders

Virtual

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Cost: \$7,000

executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu

(II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events, Continued

FEB
24-27
2025

Corporate Governance Program: Developing Exceptional Board Leaders

New York, NY
Columbia Business School
Cost: \$9,950
execed.business.columbia.edu

MAY
6-9
2025

APR
22-25
2025

Corporate Governance: Essentials for a New Business Era

Philadelphia, PA
The Wharton School of the University
of Pennsylvania
Cost: \$9,850
executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu

MAR
3-7
2025

The Women's Leadership Forum

Boston, MA
Harvard Business School
Cost: \$13,500
exed.hbs.edu

APR
23-26
2025

Preparing to Be a Corporate Director

Boston, MA
Harvard Business School
Cost: \$11,750 for April event;
\$12,500 for October event
exed.hbs.edu

OCT
1-4
2025

(II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events, Continued

MAY
1-3
2025

Advanced Corporate Director Seminar

Boston, MA

Harvard Business School

Cost: 7,500

exed.hbs.edu

JUL
20-22
2025

Compensation Committees: New Challenges, New Solutions

Boston, MA

Harvard Business School

Cost: \$8,000

exed.hbs.edu

NOV
19-21
2025

JUN
25-27
2025

Equilar Summit

San Diego, CA

Equilar and Nasdaq

Cost: TBD

equilar.com

JUL
23-25
2025

Audit Committees in a New Era of Governance

Boston, MA

Harvard Business School

Cost: \$8,000

exed.hbs.edu

NOV
16-18
2025

AUG
24-29
2025

Managing Risk and Reputation in a Complex World

Stanford, CA

Stanford Graduate School of Business

Cost: \$15,000

gsb.stanford.edu

TBD
2025

23rd Annual Corporate Governance Conference 2025

Dallas, TX

The University of Texas at Dallas Naveen Jindal School of Management

Cost: TBD

jindal.utdallas.edu

(III) Short-Shot Events (In Person)

A number of organizations offer short, no-cost or low-cost board seminars in convenient locations. While these are usually free and just a few hours long, the quality can vary dramatically. A huge benefit of these in-person programs is the ability to spend time with fellow board members.

Silicon Valley Directors' Exchange

Check the event calendar

svdx.org

Stanford University Rock Center for Corporate Governance

Stanford Law School & Stanford Business School

law.stanford.edu

Forum for Corporate Directors (FCD)

Events in various locations in Southern California

fcdoc.org

National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)

Look for your local chapter

nacdonline.org

Nationally Recognized Accounting Firms and Law Firms

(Usually at the office in your area)

Go to your firm's website to sign up or contact your relationship partner.

(IV) Online Content (Webinars/Podcasts)

Podcasts and webinars are usually an hour or less and are often free. If the timing of an online event is inconvenient for you, it's worth emailing the organizer to ask for a recording. Organizers are typically very glad to distribute these.



PwC Center for Board Governance Webcast Series

PwC

[pwc.com](https://www.pwc.com)



Resources to Accelerate Success

Diligent

insights.diligent.com



Woodruff Sawyer's Online Educational Series

Woodruff Sawyer

Provides timely updates on D&O litigation, the insurance market, and other topics of current interest.

[woodruff Sawyer.com/webinars](https://www.woodruff Sawyer.com/webinars)



National Association of Corporate Directors Webinars

NACD

[nacdonline.org](https://www.nacdonline.org)



The Corporate Director Podcast

Diligent

insights.diligent.com



Boardroom Governance with Evan Epstein

Evan Epstein

[boardroom-governance.com](https://www.boardroom-governance.com)



BDO in the Boardroom Podcast

BDO

[bdo.com](https://www.bdo.com)

Nationally Recognized Law Firms and Accounting Firms

If you sign up to receive notices, the various organizations offering board programming will send you email alerts about upcoming events.

(V) Blogs and Resource Portals

There is an abundance of online access to information on topics of interest to board members.

D&O Notebook

Directors & Officers Liability Blog

Woodruff Sawyer

A weekly blog on matters of corporate governance, D&O risk, and D&O insurance by Woodruff Sawyer's Priya Huskins and her fellow Management Liability experts.

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Making the Complex Simple in 3 Minutes

Woodruff Sawyer

Watch our series of Whiteboard videos for more in-depth insight.

woodruff Sawyer.com/ub/insurance-whiteboard-breakdown

The D&O Diary

The best-known blog in the D&O insurance industry, hands down.

dandodiary.com

Stanford Rock Center for Corporate Governance

Stanford Law School & Stanford Business School

law.stanford.edu

Board Leadership Center

KPMG

boardleadership.kpmg.us

The Center for Board Effectiveness

Deloitte

deloitte.com

EY Center for Board Matters

EY

ey.com

Governance Insights Center

PwC

pwc.com

(VI) Woodruff Sawyer's Customized Educational Programs

Woodruff Sawyer's D&O insurance clients can access this service at no additional charge. Presentations are customized for each client and presented by dynamic, experienced public speakers who are also experts in D&O risk and its mitigation. These presentations are designed to help your organization manage its D&O risk profile more effectively. If helpful, the presentations can be provided in conjunction with in-house or outside counsel.

Some of the current offerings include:

- Current D&O Topics and Trends
- The Board's Oversight Role in Cybersecurity Risk Management
- Board Conflicts of Interest: "Why Can't We Be Friends?"
- "Accounting Hocus-Pocus": Avoiding Illegal Earnings
- Board Emails/Texts: Exhibit A in Plaintiff Suits
- "[ESG] By Any Other Name Would Smell as Sweet": The Board's Oversight Role re Sustainability
- The Perils of Insider Trading and Tipper/Tippee Liability
- M&A Activities and Director Duties
- Onboarding for New Directors
- Am I Covered? An Overview of What D&O Insurance Does and Doesn't Cover

A menu of core as well as current-event-driven topics can be provided upon request.

Contact your Woodruff Sawyer account executive or Priya Huskins (priya@woodruff Sawyer.com).

More Information

To discuss these or any other continuing education opportunities for directors, contact your Woodruff Sawyer Account Executive or Priya Huskins (priya@woodruffswayer.com).

Board education is an important part of mitigating your risk of personal liability as a board member. Another important element of your risk mitigation strategy is D&O insurance. Woodruff Sawyer's Management Liability practice is a leader in the field. Contact us if you'd like to speak further on this topic..

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