

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:

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



(I) Board Level Multi-Day Events



Summit Directors and **Officers Conference** Park City, UT Cost: \$675 summitconf.org



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





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WS Customized **Programs**

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	Corporate Governance: Effectiveness and Accountability in the Boardroom	OCT 12–15
2025	Evanston, IL	2025
NOV 3-6	Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management Cost: \$11,500	
2025	kellogg.northwestern.edu	

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

JUL 16–19	Making Corporate Boards More Effective		
	Boston, MA		
2025	Harvard Business School's flagship		
NOV 12–15	board program		
	Cost: \$13,000		
	exed.hbs.edu		
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

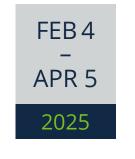
michiganross.umich.edu



Wharton ESG Essentials Virtual The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania Cost: \$4,500 executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu



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



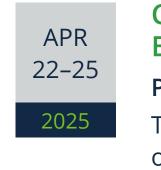
Wharton ESG Executive Certificate for Senior Leaders Virtual The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania Cost: \$7,000 executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu

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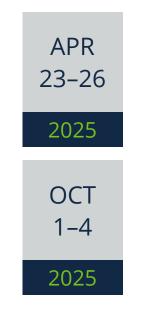
(II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events, Continued

FEB 24–27	Corporate Governance Program: Developing Exceptional Board Leaders
2025	New York, NY
MAY 6-9	Columbia Business School
	Cost: \$9,950
	execed.business.columbia.edu
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





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

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(II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events, Continued

MAY 1-3	Advanced Corporate Director Seminar Boston, MA	JUL 20–22	Compensation Committees: New Challenges,	AUG 24–29
2025	Harvard Business School	2025	New Solutions	2025
	Cost: 7,500 exed.hbs.edu	NOV 19–21	Boston, MA Harvard Business School Cost: \$8,000	
		2025	exed.hbs.edu	

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Equilar Summit San Diego, CA Equilar and Nasdaq Cost: TBD equilar.com



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Managing Risk and Reputation in a **Complex World** Stanford, CA Stanford Graduate School of Business Cost: \$15,000 gsb.stanford.edu

23rd Annual Corporate Governance **Conference 2025**

Dallas, TX The University of Texas at Dallas Naveen Jindal School of Management

Cost: TBD

jindal.utdallas.edu



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(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

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(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 <u>ج</u>لا **Governance Webcast Series** PwC

pwc.com

National Association of <u>s</u> **Corporate Directors Webinars** NACD

nacdonline.org

Boardroom Governance with Evan Epstein

Evan Epstein

boardroom-governance.com

Resources to Accelerate <u>e</u> Success

Diligent

insights.diligent.com

The Corporate Director Podcast

Diligent

insights.diligent.com

BDO in the Boardroom Podcast BDO

bdo.com

Woodruff Sawyer's Online **Educational Series**

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

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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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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 FY

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

- 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@woodruffsawyer.com).

• The Perils of Insider Trading and Tipper/Tippee Liability



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More Information

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