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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, a Gallagher company, 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 Single-Day and Multi-Day Events
- (II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events
- (III) Short-Shot Events (In Person)
- (IV) Podcasts/Webinars
- (V) Blogs and Resource Portals
- (VI) Woodruff Sawyer's Customized Educational Programs

(I) Board Level Single-Day and Multi-Day Events

(organized by date)

FEB 25
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MAY 27
2026

**Board Director:
Shape the Boardroom of Tomorrow**
Live Online and In-Person in Los Angeles, CA
UCLA Anderson School of Management
Cost: \$15,000
exec.anderson.ucla.edu/board-director-program

JUN
1–4
2026

**Corporate Governance: Effectiveness
and Accountability in the Boardroom**
June event in Evanston, IL
November event in Miami, FL
Northwestern University Kellogg
School of Management
Cost: \$11,500
kellogg.northwestern.edu/executive-education

NOV
2–5
2026

JUN
22–24
2026

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 12, 2025;
\$8,450 by March 6, 2026; and
\$8,950 after March 6, 2026
conferences.law.stanford.edu



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

(I) Board Level Single-Day and Multi-Day Events (Continued)

<div>JUL 15-18</div> <div>2026</div>	<div>Making Corporate Boards More Effective</div> <div>Boston, MA</div> <div>Harvard Business School's flagship board program</div> <div>Cost: \$13,000</div> <div>exed.hbs.edu/making-corporate-boards-more-effective</div>	<div>TBD</div> <div>2026</div>	<div>Summit for Corporate Governance</div> <div>Las Vegas, NV</div> <div>Dates TBD, likely September 2026</div> <div>UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law and Greenberg Traurig LLP</div> <div>Cost: TBD</div> <div>law.unlv.edu/events/summit-corporate-governance</div>
<div>OCT 21-24</div> <div>2026</div>			
<div>OCT 11-14</div> <div>2026</div>	<div>NACD Directors Summit™</div> <div>Washington, DC</div> <div>National Association of Corporate Directors</div> <div>Cost: \$3,995 by January 15, 2026; \$4,495 by April 30, 2026; \$4,995 by August 31, 2026; and \$5,495 after September 1, 2026</div> <div>nacdonline.org/nacd-events/nacd-directors-summit-2026</div>	<div>OCT 19-23</div> <div>2026</div>	<div>Stanford Directors' Consortium</div> <div>Stanford, CA</div> <div>This is a joint offering from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and Stanford Law School</div> <div>Cost: \$16,000</div> <div>gsb.stanford.edu/exec-ed/programs/directors-consortium</div>

(I) Board Level Single-Day and Multi-Day Events (Continued)

Preparing to Join a Board

FEB
24-27
2026

Corporate Governance Program:
Developing Exceptional
Board Leaders

New York, NY
Columbia Business School
Cost: \$10,250
execed.business.columbia.edu/programs/cgp

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JUN
2-5
2026

Women on Boards:
Building Exceptional Leaders

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

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MAY 2
2026

Preparing to Be a Corporate Director

Boston, MA
Harvard Business School
Cost: \$12,500 for April event;
\$13,000 for the fall event
exed.hbs.edu/preparing-corporate-director

SEPT 30
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OCT 3
2026

(I) Board Level Single-Day and Multi-Day Events (Continued)

Private Companies

Most sophisticated board education is designed for public company directors, but here is a sophisticated offering for private company directors:

TBD

2026

The VC-Backed Board Academy
(VCBA: A Bi-Annual Program for Directors of Venture-Backed Private Companies)
Dates TBD, likely March or May and October 2026
The UC Center for Business Law San Francisco
Sponsored by Cooley LLP, Nasdaq, and Woodruff Sawyer
Cost: TBD
cbl.uclawsf.edu/programs/vcba
Note: Stanford’s Directors’ Consortium also has a private company track.



If you choose to attend The VC-Backed Board Academy, ask your Woodruff Sawyer contact for a discount code.

(II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events

(organized by date)

FEB
3-4

2026

Boards That Lead: Corporate Governance That Builds Value

Philadelphia, PA

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Cost: \$6,875

executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu

TBD

2026

Advanced Corporate Director Seminar

Boston, MA

Dates TBD

Harvard Business School

Cost: TBD

exed.hbs.edu/advanced-corporate-director-seminar

APR
7-10

2026

Corporate Governance: Esstentials for a New Business Era

Philadelphia, PA

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Cost: \$10,250

executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu

(II) Committee Level/Subject Matter Events (Continued)

JUN
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**Equilar Summit
(Compensation Committee)**
Chicago, IL
Equilar and Nasdaq
Cost: TBD
equilar.com/summit2026-savethedate.html

JUL
19-21
2026

**Audit Committees in a
New Era of Governance**
Boston, MA
Harvard Business School
Cost: \$8,250
exed.hbs.edu/audit-committees-new-era-governance

OCT
28-30
2026

JUL
22-24
2026

**Compensation Committees:
New Challenges, New Solutions**
Boston, MA
Harvard Business School
Cost: \$8,250
exed.hbs.edu/compensation-committees

OCT
25-27
2026

(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 Law Firms and Accounting Firms

(Usually at the office in your area)

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

(IV) Podcasts/Webinars

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.



BDO in the Boardroom Podcast

BDO

bdo.com



National Association of Corporate Directors Webinars

NACD

nacdonline.org



Resources to Accelerate Success

Diligent

insights.diligent.com



Boardroom Governance with Evan Epstein

Evan Epstein

boardroom-governance.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.



The Corporate Director Podcast

Diligent

insights.diligent.com



PwC Center for Board Governance Webcast Series

PwC

pwc.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.

woodruffshawyer.com/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.

[woodruffsaawyer.com/insights/series/do-notebook](https://www.woodruffsaawyer.com/insights/series/do-notebook)

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Insurance Whiteboard Breakdown

Making the Complex Simple in 3 Minutes

Woodruff Sawyer

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

[woodruffsaawyer.com/insights/series/insurance-whiteboard](https://www.woodruffsaawyer.com/insights/series/insurance-whiteboard)

Board Leadership Center

KPMG

boardleadership.kpmg.us

The Center for Board Effectiveness

Deloitte

deloitte.com

EY Center for Board Matters

EY

ey.com

The D&O Diary

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

dandodiary.com

Governance Insights Center

PwC

pwc.com

Stanford Rock Center for Corporate Governance

Stanford Law School & Stanford Business School

law.stanford.edu

(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:

- Hot D&O Topics and Trends
- "To DE or Not to DE": [Re]incorporation Outside of Delaware
- "It Takes a Village": 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
- "Loose Lips Sink Ships": Insider Trading and Tipper/Tippee Liability
- Avoiding M&A-Related Landmines
- 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.

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More Information

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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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