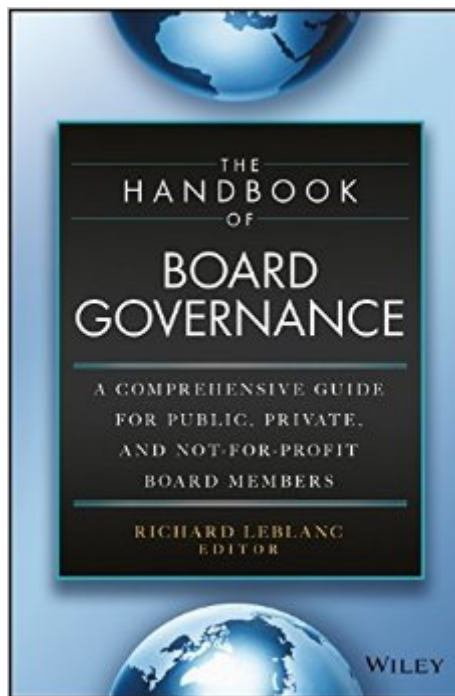


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# The Handbook Of Board Governance: A Comprehensive Guide For Public, Private, And Not-for-Profit Board Members



## Synopsis

Build a more effective board with insight from the forefront of corporate governance. The Handbook of Board Governance provides comprehensive, expert-led coverage of all aspects of corporate governance for public, nonprofit, and private boards. Written by collaboration among subject matter experts, this book combines academic rigor and practitioner experience to provide thorough guidance and deep insight. From diversity, effectiveness, and responsibilities, to compensation, succession planning, and financial literacy, the topics are at once broad-ranging and highly relevant to current and aspiring directors. The coverage applies to governance at public companies, private and small or medium companies, state-owned enterprises, family owned organizations, and more, to ensure complete and clear guidance on a diverse range of issues. An all-star contributor list including Ram Charan, Bob Monks, Nell Minow, and Mark Nadler, among others, gives you the insight of thought leaders in the areas relevant to your organization. A well-functioning board is essential to an organization's achievement. Whether the goal is furthering a mission or dominating a market, the board's composition, strategy, and practices are a determining factor in the organization's ultimate success. This guide provides the information essential to building a board that works. Delve into the board's strategic role in value creation. Gain useful insight into compensation, risk, accountability, legal obligations. Understand the many competencies required of an effective director. Get up to speed on blind spots, trendspotting, and social media in the board room. The board is responsible for a vast and varied collection of duties, but the singular mission is to push the organization forward. Poor organization, one-sided composition, inefficient practices, and ineffective oversight detract from that mission, but all can be avoided. The Handbook of Board Governance provides practical guidance and expert insight relevant to board members across the spectrum.

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This is a great book; densely packed with current and cutting edge ideas delivered in a practical and action oriented format. Richard Leblanc has become a well-established luminary in the occasionally occult and obscure field of governance. This book is his best work yet and draws on the confidence of a master practitioner by highlighting the expertise of other experts on the topic. The book is composed of eight parts each of which addresses an area of current interest in governance. Within each part there are chapters written by eminent specialists in that precise governance sub-topic. The result is a book that is authoritative and fresh with no weak spots. If you want a regurgitation of almost out-dated facts then this is not the book for you. If you want to explore the latest thoughts on CEO succession, enterprise IT governance and application of governance theory to small and/or rapidly transforming companies then this is a great book for you. There are chapters by Ram Charan (on leadership) and Adam Epstein (on small cap governance) as well as by the author and compiler, Richard Leblanc. By partnering with his competitors Richard has developed a book that encompasses more than any writer alone could offer without compromising quality. The book is not just leading edge (bleeding edge?) theory but contains practical ideas for adopting and adapting the theory for immediate use in the readers' own boardrooms. There is, close to my heart, an excellent case study of the Volkswagen disaster which draws out the linkages between culture, structure and ethics that were sadly lacking in many of the other analyses of the case that I have suffered through. This one is enlightening for a director and contains practical insights for any board.

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