

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CERTIFICATE

## Program Description

When it comes to corporate governance, it is crucial to have a thorough and applicable understanding of the roles, rights, and interactions at play.

This certificate program provides an overview of the different types of business organizations, including limited liability companies, partnerships, and corporations, covering key elements of corporate governance law in order to enable you to understand, anticipate, and respond to the concerns of various stakeholders within your organization. You will analyze the roles and duties of corporate directors, management, and shareholders, then apply the laws surrounding fiduciary duties and the business judgment rule to various simulated corporate transactions or decisions. You will then determine how to avoid and reduce the risk of criminal liability arising within an organizational setting and apply this practical knowledge to business decisions. You'll establish ways to minimize potential disruptions, honing the ability to navigate internal and external investigations into possible wrongdoing to a successful and efficient close. Ultimately, by building a plan to respond to anticipated questions and concerns from all types of stakeholders, you will be prepared to put your newfound knowledge into practice in your organization and beyond.

## Key Takeaways

- Analyze why different business entities have different stakeholders, along with the pros and cons of choosing one entity over another
- Assess which stakeholders are involved in major business decisions and have legal responsibility over decisions made by the company
- Anticipate what types of information an organization's stakeholders require before making a particular business decision
- Evaluate how corporate social responsibility affects corporate decision making and directors' fiduciary duties
- Avoid and reduce the risk of criminal liability arising within an organizational setting for both individuals within the organization and the organization as an entity
- Facilitate internal investigations conducted by inside or outside counsel, minimizing potential disruption to the organization
- Assess which scenarios allow deference to officer business judgment and which will indicate shareholder or board voting

## What You'll Earn

- Corporate Governance Certificate from Cornell Law School
- 40 Professional Development Hours (4.0 CEUs)

## Who Should Enroll

- Executives
- Board members
- Founders and entrepreneurs
- Accountants
- Auditors
- Investment bankers
- Professionals working with boards of directors

- Professionals working in highly regulated industries
- Professionals working with lawyers

## Total Investment

2 months to complete courses.

## How to Enroll

For more information and to enroll, please visit Corporate Governance Certificate (<https://ecornell.cornell.edu/certificates/law/corporate-governance/>).

## Courses

Code	Title	Hours
eCornell LAW515	Roles and Structures in Corporate Governance	0
eCornell LAW516	Fiduciary Duties of Directors and Officers	0
eCornell LAW521	Criminal Liability in an Organizational Setting	0
eCornell LAW522	Facilitating Internal and Grand Jury Investigations	0