

Board Membership

Training program – Module 9

Date

Monday, 1 June 2026, 09:00-13:00

Location

Online

Speakers

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Target audience

The course is shaped for board members of unlisted Swiss companies as well as for entrepreneurs, investors, trustees, family offices, and legal advisors. This is an introductory course illustrated with practical examples.

Pre-requisite knowledge

No previous knowledge is required.

Language

English

Program

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Goals

- Understanding the importance and challenges of the obligations of a member of the board of directors.
- Knowledge of the key duties and competences of the board of directors.
- Understanding the legal risks and liabilities of a member of the board of directors and how to mitigate them.

Description

A board mandate is quickly accepted. But what does such a mandate actually mean? Which rights and obligations does a member of the board of directors have? And to what potential risks and liabilities are members of the board of directors exposed?

The aim of this course is to provide an overview of the key duties and competences of board members under Swiss law to show the most common risks and traps associated with a board mandate and how board members can mitigate these risks in practice.

The program in detail

- Introduction | Basics
- Function, duties and competences of the board of directors
- Organization of the board of directors
- Risks and liabilities of the members of the board of directors
- Risk / liability mitigating strategies
- Obligations of the board of directors in financial distress of the company