

Corporate Governance in the Government Sector in United States

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- responding to and negotiating with national and international securities regulators and other enforcement agencies
- working with your auditors and financial advisors to resolve potential accounting issues
- handling disclosure in a manner that both satisfies legal obligations and is sensitive to the concerns of investors, employees and the media
- conducting internal investigations to determine relevant facts quickly and accurately
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United States

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- Health Care
- Hotels and Leisure
- Immigration
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Life Sciences
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Mining
- Native American Law and Policy
- Pensions, Benefits and Executive Compensation
- Privacy and Security
- Private Equity
- Project Development
- Public International Law
- Public Law
- Public Policy and Regulation
- Real Estate
- Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy
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