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About the content

This work consists on 30 chapters and useful appendices covering all areas of Corporate Governance and Compliance issues for practitioners. Chapters 1 to 8 are the introductory chapters on legal and regulatory framework and reform. Chapters 9 to 14 are dedicated chapters discussing all directors’ duties and powers. Chapters 15 to 18 discuss company and corporate administration whilst Chapters 19 to 21 discuss shareholders’ and their duties and powers. The rest of the work covers non legalese yet important areas of practice for example Chapters 22 to 24 covers Financial Reporting and Auditors, Chapter 25 on Corporate Social Responsibility, Chapter 26 on Ethical Governance and Chapter 27 on Not-For-Profit Entities and Public Bodies. The last part of the work covers more matters related to business acumen and future reform with Chapter 28 on Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, Chapter 29 on Professional Organizations and Chapter 30 on The Way Ahead.
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