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# Webcast: IPO and Public Company Readiness: Advance Planning for 2025 and 2026 IPOs – Corporate Governance and ESG Considerations

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Please join us for a briefing where we explore corporate governance and ESG considerations in preparing for an Initial Public Offering (IPO) and becoming a public company. We delve into state-of-the-art corporate governance policies and practices that companies should implement in connection with the IPO process, ensuring alignment with market practices and evolving trends. Attendees will gain insights into investor and proxy advisor expectations, key issues under Delaware law and stock exchange listing standards. This session is designed for executives, board members, inhouse counsel and corporate advisors preparing for an IPO or seeking to enhance their tailored and thoughtful governance and ESG practices. **Key topics include:**

1. **Market Practices and Trends:** An overview of current governance trends, including board composition, board operations, and shareholder rights, and how companies should be thinking about positioning themselves.
2. **Investor and Proxy Advisor Expectations:** Understanding the criteria used by institutional investors and proxy advisors to evaluate a company's corporate governance framework, including in the context of ESG.
3. **Law Regulatory and State Law Requirements:** Navigating the complexities and evolving landscape of corporate law in Delaware and Texas, including fiduciary duties and shareholder agreements, and stock exchange listing requirements and SEC requirements and disclosures.
4. **ESG Considerations:** Considerations regarding evolving ESG expectations, risks and practices, including their impact on marketing, investor relations, corporate governance, compliance with regulatory requirements.

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