

Webcast: Joint Venture Governance: Best Practices for JV Board Directors and Dealmakers

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Prospective joint venture partners frequently spend many hours discussing governance matters because they understand strong governance can be a key to venture success. In this recorded webcast, experts from Gibson Dunn and Ankura Consulting talk about designing an effective joint venture governance system. In particular, they discuss the following:

- Why joint venture governance matters, and the relationship between governance and venture performance
- How to make decisions regarding board structure and composition, including board size, quorum requirements, and the role of independent directors, observers, and committees
- How to manage fiduciary duties and other conflicts of interest joint venture board directors face
- What practical steps can be taken to ensure that governance processes continue to operate smoothly after the venture commences operation, and as the venture evolves over time

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