Corporate law refers to the law regarding legal entities established to conduct business. Corporate governance is the set of processes, customs, policies, and laws affecting the way a corporation is directed, administered, and controlled. This quick reference guide highlights the corporate governance resources on Westlaw and shows you how to retrieve relevant documents.

**Corporate Law**

Corporate law practice typically involves issues such as those relating to incorporation; the corporation's shareholders and directors; mergers and acquisitions; securities registration, reporting, and transactions; and compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

**Corporate Law Resources on Westlaw**

Westlaw includes an extensive collection of corporate law materials, including primary law and secondary sources. News and business information databases cover developments in corporate issues. In each category listed below, a few key databases are highlighted. These databases and other corporate law–related resources can be accessed in the right frame of the tabbed Corporate Governance page (Figure 1). In the left frame of the Corporate Governance page, you can do either of the following:

- Type a database identifier, e.g., `corpcg` for the Corporate Counsel Guidelines database, in the *Search for a database* text box to display its Search page.
- If you know the citation of a document, type your citation in the *Find by citation* text box.

**STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

BILLS AND BILL TRACKING

The Corporate Governance–U.S. Bills database (CGOV-USBILLS) includes the full text of bills and resolutions introduced in the current Congress relating to corporate governance. The Corporate Governance–U.S. Bill Tracking database (CGOV-BILLTRK) contains summaries and status information concerning current federal legislation relating to corporate governance.

SECONDARY SOURCES

Secondary sources are valuable resources for guidance in corporate governance. For example, the CORPCG database provides analysis of the legal rules unique to in-house corporate counsel. To view the table of contents for a treatise or other publication in the Corporate Governance, Corporate Compliance, or Officers and Directors section of the Corporate Governance page, point to a database name to highlight it and then click the Show button to the right. From the menu, click the database identifier. At the database Search page, click Table of Contents to display the table of contents for that publication. To browse the table of contents, click the plus (+) and minus (−) symbols.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

The Corporate Governance–News database (CORPGOV-NEWS) contains articles about corporate governance covering topics such as accounting practices, executive compensation, and Sarbanes-Oxley. To retrieve articles that discuss recent developments in corporate law, click a link under Westlaw Journals: Current Awareness in the left frame of the Corporate Governance page.

Figure 1. Corporate Governance page

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