

### **EVENT INFORMATION:**

Stepping out of the shadows and into the role of Chief Governance Officer; a discreet but powerful role. Effective corporate governance is extremely important for all organizations in the digital era. Good corporate governance is an evolution, not a destination and the Company Secretary holds a crucial role as a liaison between the Board and management. The Company Secretary has a vital part to play in the development of corporate strategy. One thing is for sure, the role of the Company Secretary is evolving away from a statutory compliance/minute taking function. In this Workshop we will share insights on this changemaker role and will explore how things are changing and how companies and Company Secretaries globally might adapt to the new opportunities.

The session is led by **Erika Percival**, who spent her career working in London Stock Exchange (FTSE 100, 250 and SmallCap) and New York Stock Exchange listed companies before founding Beyond Governance,

a full service governance consultancy, in 2019. Beyond Governance bridges the gap between an in-house employed Company Secretary and a professional services firm; they act as an extension to in-house teams and provide an on-demand governance adviser as required by directors.

Erika is a Chartered Company Secretary by qualification and fast tracked her career to become the UK's youngest FTSE 250 Group Company Secretary at age 32. She has worked in a variety of companies from different sectors, with different cultures and with different perspectives on governance and the role of the Company Secretary. Her workshops are insightful, her perspectives broad and her practical experience extensive. Erika is a moderator for the UK Chartered Governance Institute's qualifying scheme focusing on the Board Dynamics and Development of Strategy Masters level modules. She is also a member of the IoD's Centre for Corporate Governance Stakeholder Governance Working Group and the London Chamber of Commerce.

# TITLE:

Better Boards — "The Changemaker Role of the Company Secretary"

# AGENDA:

08:30 Registration – Virtual Light Breakfast

09:00 The Changemaker Role of the Company Secretary

Erika Percival

- Ever changing dynamics of the Company Secretary career/profession
- Role of Company Secretary Globally
- Evolution of the Company Secretary in the Pandemic
- Being the eyes and ears of the Board and Management

- Acting as a catalyst to effective decision making and improving efficiency of the organisation as a whole
- A SWOT analysis of the Company Secretary profession
- Moving into the Governance Era

## 11:30 **Q&As - Panel Discussion**

Distinguished Company Secretaries

Panelists: Panos Dasmanoglou – National Bank of Greece

Venia Papathanasopoulou — Athens International Airport

Eleni Papapanou — TITAN Cement George Triantafyllides — Alpha Bank

Sissy Papagiannidou – National Bank of Greece & ATHEX

12:30 Close



Panos Dasmanoglou is the General Manager of Group Compliance and Corporate Governance at National Bank of Greece. He is also member of the Executive Committee. In January 2015 he was elected as the General Company Secretary. As part of the various executive-level positions he has assumed throughout his career as Head at the National Bank of Greece International Legal Division, he has handled significant matters relating to the integration of European banking legislation in the Bank's activities, domestic and international credit operations and M&A activity, thereby gaining substantial experience across a broad spectrum of banking operations.

For a number of years, he has been an active participant in the workings of the Hellenic Bank Association and the European Banking Federation, specifically in the committees on international banking issues, compliance, consumer issues, anti-money laundering, derivatives and repos. Further, he serves as member on the Board of the Hellenic Ombudsman for Banking-Investment Services as well as on the boards of directors of NBG Group companies, namely as a Vice Chair on the BoD of Ethniki Asfalistiki and Chairman of NBG Securities S.A. He holds a law degree (LL.B) from the University of Athens Law School and a postgraduate degree (Lic.spec.) in European Law from the University of Brussels, while he has also studied Modern Banking Governance at INSEAD Graduate Business School.

### **PANOS DASMANOGLOU**

**Venia Papathanasopoulou** is an Attorney-at-Law at the Supreme Court, holding an LL.M. in Commercial and European Law from the University of Essex, England, currently being Director, Legal Affairs & Secretary to the BoD at ATHENS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT S.A., with an extensive experience in negotiations with Ministries, Local Authorities and wider Public sector, commercial and concession agreements, regulatory, compliance, procurement and corporate issues, as well as arbitral proceedings before LCIA, as she has assumed the duties of General Counsel, Legal Advisor and Company Secretary in various corporations of energy, transportation, IT, gambling, media, stock market and sports industries.

Further, she is presently Chair of the Board at the Greek National Opera, Vice-President of the BoD at Athens Airport Fuel Pipeline Company S.A. and she also provides legal services pro bono to the Transparency International Greece, holding till recently the role of the Vice-President of the latter's Board of Directors. She is a CEDR UK Accredited Mediator, certified by the Greek Ministry of Justice and she has been included in the first edition of GC Power List Greece and Cyprus 2018.







**Eleni Papapanou** (Lawyer, Head Counsel, Titan Cement Group) studied law in the University of Athens (NKUA). She is a member of the Athens bar since 1984. She holds a master's degree from King's College in European Law (2000). She has been serving as Company Secretary since 2006. Her area of expertise is Company Law, Corporate Governance, Commercial Law, International Commercial Agreements, Mergers and Acquisitions.

## **ELENI PAPAPANOU**

**George Triantafyllides** is the Secretary of the Board of Directors of Alpha Bank. He has more than 30 years of diverse management experience in high profile corporate and organization roles. For the past 20 years he has been working on Board affairs and matters of governance.

He has been the Secretary of the Board of Directors and Manager of the Secretariat of Alpha Bank since 2014. He has served as a Naval Officer in the United States Navy and holds a BSc from Oregon State University.



### **GEORGE TRIANTAFYLLIDES**



Sissy Papagiannidou has held various positions at the Bank of Greece for the last 28 years. She has been Director of Banking Supervision for the last five and a half years and has served at Director and Deputy Director positions in the areas of Payment and Settlement Systems and Financial Stability. She has been member in numerous Committees and working groups at the European Central Bank, the European Systemic Risk Board, the European Commission and the European Council (with active participation and chairperson function in two Greek Presidencies), as well as member of the Board of Supervisors and of the Management Board of the European Banking Authority. Since 2019 she is member of the Board of the Hellenic Exchanges Group.

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