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Governance Statement



I am a passionate, driven and engaged thinker with a desire to drive success within organisations. My experience and involvement with sports committees has focused on the provision of strategic direction with a best practice governance lens. As a lawyer for a publicly listed business, I have a strong foundation in corporate governance practice and a deep understanding of the importance of maintaining a degree of separation and independence between governance and executive teams whilst maintaining open, collaborative communication lines. . Market perception and stakeholder engagement are also key focus points for me. My strengths are that I can confidently work under pressure, I am enthusiastic and commit myself one hundred percent to everything I take on. As a avid social athlete, I welcome opportunities to have a positive influence and create positive experiences for others in sport.

Experience / Skills

- **Board/Governance Member** | Toukon Ryu Karate New Zealand
From student to instructor, to senior leader and Board/Governance Member of Toukon Ryu Karate, I was exposed to issues and opportunities throughout the club value chain. This visibility proved invaluable to me as I transitioned into a governance role within the organisation. Setting policy and practice guidelines and overseeing the implementation of learning and testing structures and processes for robust, consistent and repeatable output were key workstreams for me during my tenure. My legal background and collaborative approach to direction drove engagement and endorsement from Senior Instructors.
- **Committee Member** | Mairangi Bay Tennis Club Incorporated
My role on the Mairangi Bay Tennis Club Committee involved drafting a revised Club Constitution with a key focus on ensuring appropriate disclosure of conflicts of interest to circumvent the risk of related parties serving on the committee and/or committee members seeking to utilise their positions to promote personal or familial interests. As the only member of the committee with a legal background at the time, I took the opportunity to create and promote more robust governance structures for the club. Careful stakeholder management was required during my tenure on this committee. I assisted the committee to secure grant funding for various club initiatives and regularly volunteered to help coordinate club events.
- **Legal Counsel** | EROAD Limited
As an in-house lawyer for a dual-listed global company, good governance is key. Working closely with the General Counsel, I am acutely aware of the obligations, considerations and future developments that should be front of mind for board members – particularly in the privacy and sustainability space. Ensuring the delivery of high quality, multi-stakeholder projects within the company's risk profile is essential. My legal knowledge, coupled with my passion for good governance and strong ethical foundations have proved invaluable to me as a lawyer.
- **Other Voluntary Roles / Citizenship** | *Various*
 - **Legal Advice Assistant (Ad Hoc)** | Provided free advice to walk-in clients together with a senior solicitor at the Glenfield Citizens Advice Bureau.
 - **Karate Instructor / Tournament Coach / Judge** | Taught multiple classes per week for almost two decades, coached the club tournament team and was a volunteer judge at both internal and external tournaments with New Zealand Martial Arts Championships, (a division of World Martial Arts Championships).
 - **Special Olympics Volunteer** | Assisted in the facilitation of Special Olympics events for high school students.

Education

LLB(Hons) | The University of Auckland | 22 Princes Street, Auckland 1010 | 2010 – 2015

Cambridge A Levels | Pinehurst School | 75 Bush Road, Albany 0632 | 2008- 2009

Achievements/Involvement

I play first grade singles, ladies doubles and mixed doubles tennis at Tennis Northern. I am also a keen social cyclist and snow skier. I hold a third degree black belt rank in Karate and have previously competed at international martial arts events, receiving a number of first place cups for kata (patterns), team kata (synchronised patterns) and weapons (nunchaku) performances.