

FC for Company Secretaries

Some of the areas covered

FC Knowledge

- Shares and share capital
- Companies Acts - offences
- Listing Rules, Prospectus Rules, AIM
- Company distributions
- Directors and officers
- Formation and constitution
- Company charges
- Company dealings
- Corporate Governance
- Directors' duties and liabilities
- Companies House and the registrar
- Accounts and audit
- Company decision-making
- Capital maintenance
- Contract and boilerplate
- M&A transactions
- Takeovers
- Preliminary agreements

FC Documents

- Shareholders'/joint venture
- Share buyback
- Share issue and transfer
- [Preliminary Agreements: Heads of terms, Confidentiality agreements, Exclusivity agreements]
- Resolutions, including appointment, removal and resignation of Directors

Navigating the complex corporate legal landscape demands efficiency, accuracy, and up-to-date knowledge. As a company secretary, you play a crucial role in governance, compliance, risk, communication, and strategic planning. Trusted by over 90% of the Top 100 leading Corporate Law firms and the legal arms of the 'Big Four' accounting firms, FromCounsel's product suite will revolutionise the way you work.

As a subscriber, you will gain access to a comprehensive suite of valuable resources. This includes FC Corporate Knowledge, FC Documents, and Sparqa Legal, which provides a wealth of relevant Q&A structured analysis, precedents, and automated documents. Additionally, you will benefit from FC News, a daily news service ensuring that you stay updated with the latest developments.

FC Knowledge: Never be unsure again. Our comprehensive corporate law knowledge is delivered in Q&A style. It is written, and maintained by the unique collaboration of our knowledge lawyers and barristers from Erskine Chambers, the UK's leading corporate law chambers. This unique approach ensures accurate answers to the critical questions faced by company secretaries, including compliance, corporate governance, shareholder matters, directors' duties and board meeting requirements. The Q&A approach is designed to enhance the ability of company secretaries to address these concerns effectively and proactively, benefiting the company's overall health and success.

FC Documents: Spend less time on manual paperwork and more time on strategic tasks. FC Documents provides an array of up-to-date document and a dynamic automated document production platform. Covering the complete range of corporate actions and transactions, from board meeting minutes to shareholder agreements, FC Documents will accelerate productivity and reduce human error.

Sparqa Legal: Tackle legal issues in other critical areas across the company. Sparqa Legal, a companion service to FromCounsel, offers a comprehensive Q&A knowledge base covering all practical aspects of company operations, including employment and HR, data protection and GDPR, intellectual property, and real estate and is included within your FC subscription.

FC News: Ensuring the business is on top of new developments. FC News enables you to keep updated on all corporate law matters, including general day-to-day matters, such as updates on changes to legislation and what that means for you, to the more strategic developments, including revisions to the UK Corporate Governance Code or updates on the FRC approach to audit supervision.

Sparqa Legal

- HR
- Health and safety
- Data protection and the UK GDPR
- Company secretarial, shares and admin
- Starting a business
- Selling a business
- Occupying business premises
- Operating a website
- Intellectual property and confidentiality
- Sales and commercial
- Late payments and disputes
- Financing a business
- Sales and commercial agreements
- Directors' appointment and responsibilities

FC News

- Daily corporate briefing emails
- Summary and horizon scanning publications

Why FromCounsel?

FC provides more than knowledge - it provides day-to-day solutions. Our product suite is:

Comprehensive: FC's corporate knowledge bank is delivered through thousands of Q&A and covers all aspects of corporate law, from the most basic questions:

("How are the periods for filing accounts and reports at Companies House calculated?" or "What detail is required on a statement of capital for the 'prescribed particulars' of the rights attached to shares?")

to the more complex:

("Which members of the board have responsibility for promoting corporate culture under the UKCG Code 2018?" or "Will a director be liable in respect of an unlawful distribution made by the company if they were not present at the meeting resolving to make such distribution?").

Accurate: The FC service is maintained daily and contains unique 'Editors' views' providing answers to questions where the law is currently unclear, mitigating the risk of compliance errors, and ensuring alignment with the latest regulations and best practices. FC does not just map historical decisions or settled principles; our content team predicts and answers questions not the subject of any public decision or guidance. Our subscribers rely on our guidance as a single source, knowing that it has been created by the leading corporate barristers in the UK.

Efficient: Dynamic automated document suites enable fast and accurate production of corporate action documents from simple company communications to complex share reorganisation suites and board and general meeting packs. Combined with the expert views in FC Knowledge, our complete solution allows company secretaries to provide essential paperwork in a fraction of the usual time and confidentially tackle different legal points without costly external advice.

Flexible: Our Q&As are provided in 3 levels of detail - 'full-fat', 'semi-skimmed' and 'skimmed' - providing information at the level of detail best suited to your immediate needs. Content can be collated at the click of a button, creating deployable resources for others within the business, whether board directors or other colleagues. For example, board packs can be augmented by a concise Q&A document setting out the legal context against which board decisions are being made.

Tailored: FromCounsel has been developed with your needs at its core. It provides deep and comprehensive support in the critical focus areas that company secretaries need most and offers, insightful, practical guidance in all areas to which this varied role is exposed.

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