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Strategy for Fiduciary Duties & Litigation-Aware Decision Making Playbook

Building fiduciary discipline into major strategic decisions without letting legal caution paralyze genuine strategic judgment

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Overview

A framework for incorporating fiduciary duty and litigation-risk awareness into major strategic decisions — process discipline, documentation, and informed deliberation — without over-correcting into excessive legal caution that avoids necessary strategic risk-taking.

Does following a good process protect a decision from later

criticism even if the outcome is bad? In most governance frameworks, a well-informed, deliberate decision- making process (often described as the business judgment rule in various legal systems) provides meaningful protection even when outcomes are poor — which is exactly why process discipline matters as much as the substantive decision itself.

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than the business needs them to be? Done well, it shouldn't — the point of this playbook is building confidence in the DECISION PROCESS, which allows genuine strategic risk-taking, rather than becoming a general aversion to risk driven by fear of second-guessing.

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