



## Center for Board Effectiveness

# Audit Committee *Brief*

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### **Audit committees: So much more than financial statement oversight**

As the complexity of organizations and the environment in which they operate broadens and deepens, the purview of the audit committee is evolving and expanding faster than ever. In this *WSJ Risk & Compliance Journal* article Deloitte Audit & Assurance CEO Dipti Gulati discusses the expansion of the audit committee's purview and how the responsibilities of the committee are growing in strategic importance.

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### **PCAOB publishes a report on the engagement quality review process**

This PCAOB staff *Spotlight: Inspection Observations Related to Engagement Quality Reviews* discusses the PCAOB-mandated engagement quality reviews (EQRs) process, recent trends in audit deficiencies related to EQRs, and good practices and reminders for auditors to help avoid such deficiencies. It also highlights key questions related to EQRs that audit committees might want to consider as discussion points as they engage with external auditors.

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