



Roles, Responsibilities and liabilities of Directors

Date: February 6, 2019 (Wednesday)

Venue: IACC, Conference Room, Chennai

Time: 9:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Activity report

As part of our knowledge series, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce organized a discussion with **Mr. M S Sundara Rajan**, Chairman, IOD, Chennai Region on **Wednesday**, February 6, 2019 at IACC Conference Hall, Chennai. Ms. Sujatha Ravishankar, Regional Director welcomed the guest speaker and spoke about the background of the Institute of Directors. She said that we will plan more such activities in our premises for the benefit of the members.

The Speaker **Mr M S Sundara Rajan** briefed about the accountabilities of the directors and how the role of the director is more of corporate governance rather than compliance. He advised that in order to create a corporate empire free of risks it is imperative for the board to adhere to the effective practices by ensuring that the selection of the Director would be beneficial to the company and not get influenced by pushy recommendations. The operations team need to have a fair picture of the role of the Director in the company and the Board needs to be demanding enough in setting high expectations for the Director.

He elaborated on the practices of Effective Boards and the importance of the familiarization practice or Know Your Director – KYD. A responsible Director may have an evaluation board by independent directors conduct a cost benefit analysis before the induction of the Directors and have the Agenda and Annual Calendar available well in advance and circulating a detailed form of Minutes.

He talked about Ineffective Boards and the importance of Whistle blowers in the organisation and warned that Liabilities of the Directors are unlimited and unless the contrary is proved all those including the nominee directors may be faced with dire and extremely damaging consequences.

Totally 21 participants attended the session followed by a lively Q & A session on liabilities in case of default, responsibilities of internal auditors, indemnity insurance, video conference meetings, non profit organisations, non payment of TDS and designating a mandatory key managerial person (KMP).

Photo captions:



Ms. Sujatha Ravishanker, Regional Director, IACC, welcoming the speaker
Mr. M S. Sundara Rajan to the discussion



Mr. M S. Sundara Rajan sharing his personal experiences
on Roles and Responsibilities of Directors



Mr. T. N. Venkatanarayanan, past Regional Chairman
giving the memento to the speaker Mr. Sundara Rajan



The IOD team with Ms. Sujatha Ravishanker, Regional Director, IACC and
Mr. Sampathkumar, Director, Par Formulations and
Mr. Ram Prasad, Director, CADD Centre Training Services Pvt Ltd