

Quiz

Duties of Directors

- 1. What legal duties do directors owe to their companies?
 - a. Common law duties
 - b. Equitable fiduciary duties
 - c. Statutory duties
 - d. All of the above
- 2. The test for common law actions against directors is...
 - a. Subjective
 - b. Objective
 - c. In conflict with s 180 of the Corporations Act
 - d. Whether a director honestly believed their decision to have been reasonable, and there is no evidence to the contrary

- 3. s 184 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)...
 - a. Criminalises directors' duties
 - b. Was not considered in ASIC v Adler and 4 Ors [2002] NSWSC 171

- c. Denies ASIC the right to bring a criminal action against a director for dishonesty
- d. Denies the DPP the right to bring a criminal action against a director for dishonesty
- 4. The Court held in ASIC v Healey [2011] FCA 717 that...
 - a. One of the primary responsibilities of the directors is to understand financial statements
 - b. Financial literacy of directors is not expected
 - c. The mistakes were small enough that they were unreasonable to be seen
 - d. The directors were not in breach
- 5. What questions should be asked of a company before accepting a directorship?
 - a. Whether the company has directors and officers insurance
 - b. What the company's constitution is like, and if there is a shareholder agreement in place
 - c. Whether the company will show upon request a set of audited accounts proving that the company is solvent, that it has assets, and that those assets will cover all liabilities in the foreseeable future
 - d. All of the above

Answers:

1. d 2. b 3. a 4. a 5. d