

Dear Q&A

I recently joined an audit committee as an independent member. My background is legal, which is the skill the organisation wants me to contribute to their audit committee. I don't know a lot about other things that audit committees cover, including internal audit.

What might be some tips?

Answer

Hopefully, the organisation provided you with an induction when you joined the audit committee, to help you understand the organisation and prepare you for the audit committee role.

The IIA-Australia has issued the publicly available publications '[The 20 Critical Questions Series](#)', available on the IIA-Australia website.

These should help you to better understand topics covered by audit committees, and provide information to help you ask informed questions.

Also, to better understand what internal auditing is about, perhaps read the free IIA-Australia publication '[Internal Audit in Australia](#)':

You should also seek a briefing from the organisation's internal auditor, if there is one. internal audit function.