

DIRECTORIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS: A CRITICAL ASSESSMENT

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Abstract

The aim of my article is to critically analyse, from a legal perspective, the following vital, foundational assumption or key purpose that underlies directorial accountability to shareholders (which is the central tenet of UK corporate governance): directors are or should be required to act (whether solely or primarily) in the interests of shareholders. This assumption is crucial to how we understand corporate governance but has been subjected to insufficient scrutiny, in particular, with regard to whether it is legally justified.