

# Six Key Habits of The Savvy Director™



The work of a savvy director is a continuous improvement cycle involving the elements of DirectorPrep's Savvy Director™ framework. These six key habits are inspired by global research by [Russell Reynolds Associates](#) supplemented by our own experience and observations.

- **Build Governance Skills.** Access the resources you need to understand the board's stewardship role and your responsibilities as a director.
- **Prepare for Meetings.** Spend time before each meeting so you are ready to add real value to board and committee discussions.
- **Ask Great Questions.** Stay curious. Help the board move forward with well thought-out questions that get to the heart of issues.
- **Collaborate with Others.** Treat the board and management with respect. Work towards reaching a common understanding.
- **Think Independently.** See with your own eyes. Avoid *Groupthink* and challenge the status quo in a respectful manner.
- **Demonstrate Courage.** Maintain your integrity. Don't be afraid to do the right thing for the right reasons.