





## Discussion Questions for Week 1

A "threaded discussion" is a discussion forum that allows students to respond to questions posted by the professor (original responses), which can then be read by other users who add their own comments in response (secondary postings). Unlike chat rooms and other "real-time" interaction forums, threaded discussions do not require different users to be logged on at the same time.

Discussion questions are assigned each week. **Original responses to these questions must be posted by Thursday at 11:59PM.** Original responses must be at least **250 words** and must incorporate concepts from the lectures and assigned readings.

**Secondary Responses/Postings:** Each student must post **two or more** secondary responses to other students' postings **for each discussion question.** Secondary responses are due by **11:59PM on the Monday following the week in which the questions were assigned.** They must be a minimum of **150 words** and, like original responses, should incorporate concepts from the lectures and assigned readings. Students are encouraged to embark on interactive discussions that go beyond the minimum number of secondary postings.

*Although the discussion board is expected to be student-driven, professors will be participating in the discussions as well.*

**DQ 1.1:** Professor Bainbridge argues against empowering shareholders because shareholders may not be equipped to make appropriate business decisions. How would Professor Bebchuck respond to this concern? Whose view do you find more persuasive — Bainbridge or Bebchuck?

**DQ 1.2:** Section 951 of the Dodd-Frank Act permits shareholders to submit an advisory vote approving or rejecting the compensation paid to executives. What are the potential benefits of this rule? What are the drawbacks? In your opinion, is the rule appropriate? Would it be preferable to allow shareholders to adopt a binding vote, as opposed to one that is merely advisory? Or would it be better to eliminate the rule entirely, leaving decisions about executive compensation entirely to the board?