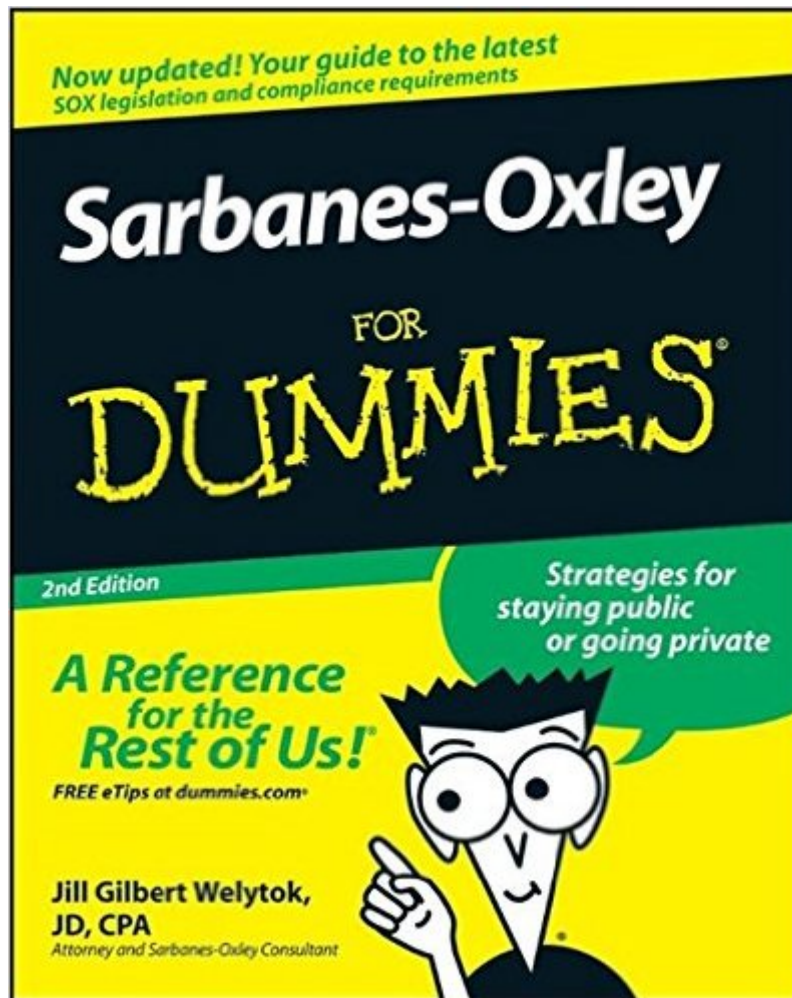


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# Sarbanes-Oxley For Dummies



## Synopsis

You may not believe that there's a fun and easy way to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley, but once you have *Sarbanes-Oxley For Dummies, Second Edition* in front of you, you're sure to change your mind. This friendly guide gets you quickly up to speed with the latest SOX legislation and shows you safe and effective ways to reduce compliance costs. In plain English, this completely reliable handbook walks you through the new and revised SOX laws, introduces compliance strategies for changed and unchanged guidelines, and gives you an effective framework for implementation. You'll find out how to create an efficient audit committee, purchase and use SOX software solutions, and make practical, cost-effective decisions in your initial compliance year and beyond. You'll also find proven strategies for staying public or going private and learn how to deal with all those SOX forms. Discover how to:

- Establish SOX standards for IT professionals
- Minimize compliance costs in every area of your company
- Survive a section 404 audit
- Avoid litigation under SOX
- Anticipate future rules and trends
- Create a post-SOX paper trail
- Bolster your company's standing and reputation
- Work with SOX in a small business
- Meet new SOX standards
- Build a board that can't be bought
- Comply with all SOX management mandates

Complete with invaluable tips on how to form an effective audit committee, *Sarbanes-Oxley For Dummies* is the resource you need to keep your SOX clean.

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For some people, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 represents pain and expense. For others it represents opportunity. For almost everybody, it represents confusion, misunderstanding and

uncertainty. This statement goes for CEOs, CIOs, staff, and even the outside auditors. So how does one explain it in as straight forward and simply as possible? One place to start would be to hand them a copy of the Jill Gilbert Welytok's Sarbanes-Oxley for Dummies (2006, John Wiley and Sons, 384 Pages, ISBN 0471768464). While not perfect, the book will provide a quick and dirty overview of SarBox, its history, its historical context, what it requires, and more importantly, what it does not require. The book starts out with the saga of SarBox. The author covers the political environment, loopholes that existed before the legislation, and how the legislation sought to close them. The author also attempts to debunk myths about SarBox. For this reader, the most important myth is that "internal control means data security". The author states up front and for all to hear that SarBox does not specify any specific data security requirements. This is something all auditors and auditees need to hear and accept. Chapter 2 covers "SOX in 60 Seconds", or what a sales person might call the "elevator pitch". Essentially this is the who, what, where and why. From here, the author goes into more details about how SarBox fits into the context of other securities regulations and laws. An important part of this chapter (Chapter 3) is the discussion why private companies should and do care are about the legislation and rules. In Chapter 4, SarBox and how it ties into specific financial statements such as the income statement and balance sheet.

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