## A Lawyer's Guide to Dealing with Journalists - From Front Page News to Media Crisis

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No news is good news? Whether you are actively seeking a media profile or trying to keep a client out of the public eye, this course will help you understand what journalists want, how the press operates and will provide tips on mitigating bad news and reputation risk in the fast-moving social media age. Learn the legal parameters of fair reporting, the latest developments in defamation, press freedom vs. privacy, access to information and the right to be forgotten.

## **Topics will include:**

- How to build relationships and trust with journalists
- The news cycle how media works
- . The do's and don't's of dealing with the media
- What journalists can and cannot report: the rules and reality
- Freedom of the press: issues for Hona Kona
- Court reporting, contempt and stalking
- ÷. Latest developments in defamation and the 'chill factor'
- criminal defamation, seditious and blasphemous libel in Hong Kong
- The right to know: the law or lack of it
- Protecting and enforcing privacy rights: the story so far .
- The right to be forgotten vs. right to remember which way now?
- News at the speed of social media: the dangers and challenges
- How to survive a media crisis with your reputation intact: strategy, tactics and case studies

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