

Professional Negligence - Cases on Solicitors' Negligence

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Dr. So has delivered over ten 2-hour and 3-hour CPD seminars accredited by the Law Society of Hong Kong and the HKMAAL. Besides, he has also published a Chinese journal article on Water Seepage Claims, two journal articles on property in human tissues and several engineering articles on various topics.

"Anecdotal evidence suggests that over the last few decades the average... solicitor... has increasingly faced clients who are very demanding, pay as little as they can, have little respect for their advisers, and... do not hesitate to blame them if anything goes wrong. One may argue as to whether or not these changes are for the better, but it must be highly likely that they have led to an increase in litigation against [solicitors]"

(Evans, H, "The rise and fall of professional negligence: One practitioner's view", Professional Negligence, vol. 21, no. 1, 2005, 27-38, 31.)

Whilst the above remark refers to the UK situation, the same can be said to be increasingly applicable in Hong Kong.

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This course is intended to provide a concise and yet comprehensive coverage of the law in this area, supplement with a practical guideline against the pitfalls in solicitors' negligence.

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Understand the principles governing the liability aspects of solicitors' negligence claims;
- Understand the principles governing the quantum aspects of solicitors' negligence claims;
- Grasp the available defences to such claims;
- Appreciate the lessons learnt from selected case studies; and
- Assess the likely issues on solicitors' negligence in a given context

This course will cover the followings:

- Introduction
- The solicitor's duties in contract and tort
- The standard of care and breach of duty
- The causation and quantum of damages in contract and tort
- Defences and limitation
- Illustration
- Guidelines to avoid solicitors' negligence
- Questions and answers

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