Psychological Disorders Commonly Encountered in Law Courts and in Mediation Rooms

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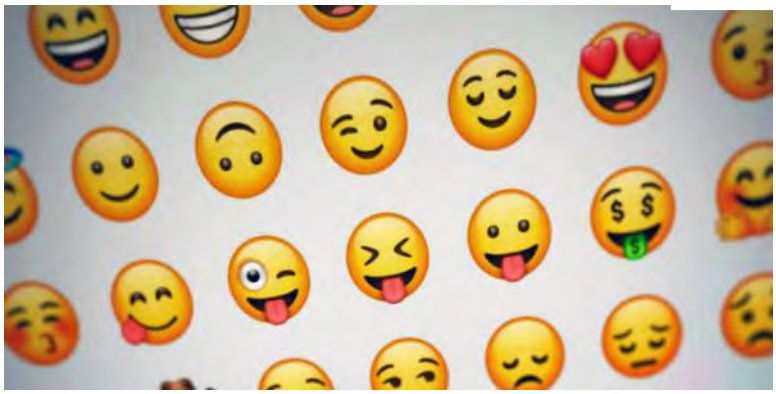

As a practising **Barrister**, Mr. Ip maintains a mixed practice of civil law and criminal law. For civil practice, Mr. Ip's scope of practice includes: contract law, tort law, probate and will, family law, property law, construction law, company law, international trade law and arbitration law. For criminal practice, Mr. Ip accepts briefs both as a prosecuting counsel and a defence counsel.

As an **ADR practitioner**, Mr. Ip acts as Arbitrator, General Mediator, Family Mediator, and Victim-Offender Mediator. Particularly for arbitration, Mr. Ip has participated in many institutional international arbitration proceedings, including those of CIETAC, GAFTA, FOSFA, and LME arbitrations. Mr. Ip is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, an accredited general and family mediator of the HKMAAL, and a professional VOM mediator recognised by the Griffith University of Australia. Mr. Ip has received training in parenting coordination from the Institute of Parenting Coordination and is a listed Parenting Coordinator at their website.

In relation to **psychotherapy**, Mr. Ip possesses a BA in Applied Psychology and a MSoSci in Behavioral Health. He is a Graduate Member of the British Psychological Society. He has started a 3-year clinical training in Family Therapy at the Asian Academy of Family Therapy since 2018. Mr. Ip has also started receiving training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy at the Institute of Cognitive Therapy in August this year with a view to be qualified as a Certified Cognitive Therapist by the Beck's Institute of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy at the USA.

Mr. Ip is serving as a Chairman to the appeal tribunals established under s.45 of the Buildings Ordinance (Cap.123) for hearing of appeals against the decisions of the Buildings Department. He also works as a volunteer family mediator for the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society and the Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council.

Mr. Ip is also enthusiastic in **tertiary education**. Since 2008, he has accepted part-time teaching appointments from many local and overseas universities. He is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University teaching construction related laws. He also teaches in the Master of Translation (Business & Law) program at the Hang Seng University. He has also taught at the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong, the School of Law of the City University of Hong Kong, and the Faculty of Education at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

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Course Objective:

To present to legal and mediation practitioners an introduction to the general features of some common psychological disorders that may be encountered by them in the law courts and/or mediation rooms. Anonymous reports by psychiatrists and/or psychologists in relation to actual legal and/or mediation cases will be used for illustration. Notwithstanding such underlying objective, this seminar is also suitable for people in other professions who are interested to acquire a basic understanding of those common psychological disorders as listed in the seminar outline.

Course Outline:

- Clinical assessment and diagnosis of psychological disorders
- Psychiatrists vs. Psychologists
- Mood disorders
- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Personality disorders
- Substance related disorders
- An overview of other types of psychological disorders not covered in this seminar
- Fitness to plea and mental illnesses
- Mediation and mental illnesses
- Forecast of the World Health Organization (WHO) on psychological health
- Questions and answers

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Code:	**EVT000000292**	Level:	**Intermediate**
Date:	**17 October 2019 (Thursday)**	Language:	**English**
Time:	**14:30 - 17:45** (Reception starts at 14:00)	Accreditation(s):	**LSHK 3.0 CPD Points** **LSHK 3.0 MCPD Points** **for General Solicitor-Mediators** **HKMAAL 3.0 CPD Points** **HKIAC 3.0 CPD Points** **for Accredited Mediators** **HKMC 3.0 CPD Points**
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