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Detach and return



Defences: a knockout blow?

A practical exploration of key defences in professional liability claims.

Wednesday 29 September 2010

The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London 9.00am – 5.00pm

5.5 CPD Hours £120 + VAT (£141)

Includes documentation, refreshments, lunch and evening drinks reception

Defences: a knockout blow?

Professional liability claims provide scope for a particularly wide range of defences. Forming a view as to the strength of such defences and how best to run or (as the case may be) to dispose of them is always at the heart of such claims. This seminar will focus on some of the more important defences encountered in practice. Consideration will be given to the key principles along with issues of evidence and tactics – and, of course, an update on the latest case law.

A choice of workshops will be offered and will focus on various specific types of professionals and consider practical or topical aspects of claims against such professionals. The workshops will have a facilitator and include Wilberforce Silks and junior barristers who specialise in the field.

9.00am	Registration, tea and coffee	11.50am	Workshop 1 Please choose one of the following: AM Workshop – Construction Professionals AM Workshop – Financial Advisers AM Workshop – Lawyers AM Workshop – Trustees
9.20am	Welcome and introduction John Martin QC, Chairman	12.50pm	Lunch
9.30am	Standard of care James Ayliffe QC - How and when can standard of care issues rescue professionals who make errors? - The “bracket” defence - Application – just valuers or a wider application? - Setting the “bracket” – what margin of error is permissible? - Tactics and evidence	2.00pm	Limitation Joanna Smith QC - The approach to the accrual of the cause of action in negligence. · Exposure to the risk. · Benefit and burden. · Occurrence of the risk. - What is the answer?
10.00am	Exclusion and limitation of liability Julian Greenhill - The common law principles - Statutory limitations: when they apply and the effect they have - Liability to Third Parties: when and how it can be excluded	2.30pm	Limits on liability Clare Stanley - Black hole defences (White v Jones) - Reflective loss - SAAMCO - Uncertain future losses and mitigation
10.30am	Authority Tiffany Scott - Vicarious liability - Employees vs. independent contractors - Liability for acts of a partner or employee - Liability for acts of agents	3.00pm	Workshop 2 Please choose one of the following: PM Workshop – Accountants PM Workshop – Actuaries PM Workshop – Directors PM Workshop – Property Professionals
11.00am	Tea break	4.00pm	Tea break
11.20am	Claimant's conduct Joanne Wicks QC - Claimant's own voluntary actions - Claimant's involvement in fraud - Clean hands and acquiescence in equitable claims	4.20pm	“Who wants to pay a million pounds?” Jonathan Seitler QC An interactive exploration of professional liability
		4.50pm	Chairman's closing remarks
		5.00pm to 7.00pm	Drinks reception

Registration Instructions

Registration

Registration Fee £120 + VAT (£141)

Registration fee includes attendance at the seminar, workshops, seminar documentation, refreshments, lunch and evening drinks reception.

The registration fee must be paid in advance of the

seminar to guarantee your place. We regret that no refunds will be made in the event that delegates are unable to attend.

CPD Hours

Recognised by The Law Society. Full attendance of the seminar qualifies for 5.5 CPD Points.

Two easy ways to book your place:

By email to: seminars@wilberforce.co.uk

By post to: Wilberforce Chambers

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM, CLEARLY STATING WHICH WORKSHOP SESSIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

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Workshops

Please select your 1st and 2nd choices from the AM and PM workshops and enter the titles below:

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	2nd choice	<input type="text"/>
PM WORKSHOP	1st choice	<input type="text"/>
	2nd choice	<input type="text"/>

We will do our best to accommodate you. Please note, places for each workshop are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

For further seminar and registration information, please contact Naomi Shogbola or Christine Nicholls via email on seminars@wilberforce.co.uk