# **HKICPA** seminar:

# Effective Risk Management: Dealing with Regulatory and Liquidators' Requests and Disciplinary Proceedings

Programme Code: S150929AS

With ever increasing regulatory activities in Hong Kong, professional accountants may have to devote substantial resources to deal with various regulators in Hong Kong, such as HKEx, SFC, Commercial Crime Bureau, ICAC, Financial Reporting Council and HKICPA. Managing their investigation or enquires promptly and properly is essential from a risk management perspective. This seminar will discuss the powers of the above regulators and the practical considerations to respond to their actions. Some of the issues may include secrecy restrictions imposed by legislation, documents to which legal professional privilege attaches and working papers kept in Mainland China.

In addition, the seminar will discuss the key issues rising from dealing with Hong Kong and overseas liquidators, as well as the current and future regimes for disciplinary actions against accountants in Hong Kong.

Date Tuesday, 29 September 2015

Time 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Venue Hong Kong Institute of CPAs,

27/F., Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Format Seminar

Language English

Fee HK\$190 for HKICPA member or student; and IA/ HKIAAT member or student

HK\$180 for online enrolment HK\$330 for non-member

**Objectives** 

- Understand and manage the risks associated with handling regulatory requirements
- Discuss the practical aspects of dealing with liquidators
- Understand the different options when facing the regulators' disciplinary actions

# **Speakers**

### David Smyth, Partner, RPC

Mr. Smyth is a commercial disputes lawyer, with a particular focus on defending professionals and advising in relation to professional indemnity, financial lines and other special risks claims. He has considerable experience of acting for accountants, lawyers, surveyors, stockbrokers and insurance brokers in the defence of claims as well as in respect of disciplinary and other regulatory investigations. He also regularly provides general risk management advice to professional service firms

He is a member of various organizations such as: the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Limited, the Law Society of Hong Kong Professional Indemnity Advisory Committee and the Audit Profession Reform Working Group of the HKICPA.

## Antony Sassi, Partner, RPC

Mr. Sassi is a commercial disputes lawyer, with a particular focus on professional indemnity and financial lines matters. He has handled some of the highest value and complex claims across the region and dealt with a myriad of regulatory and disciplinary matters in Hong Kong in relation to a wide spectrum of professions including: accountants, lawyers (solicitors and barristers), brokers, financial advisors, property agents, surveyors and other construction professionals.

Participants Partners and staff at accounting firms / Risk Managers

**Competency** Risk management;

Corporate governance

Rating Advanced Level (Please refer to the Institute's online CPD Learning Resource Centre)

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