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Directors' Duties under the New Companies Ordinance – Guidance from Comparable Jurisdictions

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With the coming into effect of the new Companies Ordinance (Cap 622) on 3 March 2014, a new era in the history of company law has been introduced. As with any new legislation - not least one as large and significant as the Companies Ordinance - questions have arisen as to how the courts will interpret the new legislative provisions. Drawing on the collective expertise and research of four company law academics in Hong Kong, this seminar will highlight selected issues from comparable jurisdictions on the difficult topics of directors' duties and their enforcement, and discuss the potential impact that these may have on Hong Kong.

Programme Code	: S141008J
Date	: Wednesday, 8 October 2014
Time	: 2:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Registration starts at 1:30 p.m.)
Presenters (in alphabetical order of surname)	: Professor David Donald , The Chinese University of Hong Kong Professor Ernest Lim , The University of Hong Kong Professor C K Low , CUHK Business School Professor John Lowry , The University of Hong Kong
Language	: English
Competency	: Corporate governance
Rating	: Intermediate to Advanced Level (Please refer to the Institute's online CPD Learning Resource Centre)
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Programme rundown*

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor David Donald, The Chinese University of Hong Kong• Professor Ernest Lim, The University of Hong Kong• Professor John Lowry, The University of Hong Kong• Professor C K Low, CUHK Business School
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Coffee break
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Panel discussion with Q&A and souvenir presentation

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About the presenters

Professor David Donald, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Donald joined the Faculty of Law at The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2008 after five years at the Institute for Law and Finance of the Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany. Before that, he practiced corporate and international commercial law for a decade in Frankfurt am Main (Germany), Milan and Rome (Italy) and Washington DC (USA). He is currently participating with scholars from a number of other universities in Hong Kong and the UK on a Research Grants Council project, "Enhancing the Future of Hong Kong as a Leading International Financial Centre." He is a member of Hong Kong's Standing Committee for Company Law Reform and its FSDC Policy Research Committee.

Professor Ernest Lim, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

Professor Lim was appointed Associate Professor with tenure in July 2014 at the University of Hong Kong, where he joined in August 2011 as an Assistant Professor. His research interests are in company law and corporate finance law. He has published widely in his field in the *Modern Law Review*, *Law Quarterly Review*, *Journal of Law and Society* and *Legal Studies*. Prior to joining HKU, he practiced corporate and securities law in the New York and Hong Kong offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell. A graduate of the University of Oxford, Harvard Law School and National University of Singapore, he is admitted to the New York State bar and qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales. He teaches the law of business associations and contract law at HKU and taught comparative corporate law as a Visiting Professor at Tel Aviv University.

Professor C K Low, CUHK Business School

CK is an Associate Professor in Corporate Law at CUHK Business School with research interests in issues pertaining to corporate governance and the regulatory framework of capital markets. His research, which has published in journals in Australasia, Europe and the United States of America, is supported by private sector grants from Ernst & Young, Eversheds LLP, Noble Group, Sino Group and Tricor Services.

An Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, CK is a member of the Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal in Hong Kong. He was a member of the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong from May 2006 to July 2010; completed a six-year term on the Financial Reporting Review Panel in July 2013 and served as a Director of the Asian Institute of Finance in Malaysia for three years through April 2012.

Professor John Lowry, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

Professor Lowry joined the Faculty of Law on 1st May 2013 as Chair of Commercial Law. Prior to coming to Hong Kong, he was Professor of Commercial Law at University College London (where he remains Professor Emeritus). He has also taught law at the universities of Oxford (Merton College), Warwick, the LSE and Queen Mary London, and has written widely in domestic and international journals on insurance law, directors' fiduciary obligations and shareholder remedies and he has co-authored five books on insurance law, company law and limitation of actions. Professor Lowry is also a contributing editor to *Gore-Browne on Companies and OUP's Annotated Companies Acts* and he is a member of a number of editorial committees. He has held research fellowships at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the University of Connecticut, Centre for Insurance Law Research. He is an avid reader of contemporary fiction, a keen gardener when at home in Sussex and a devoted football supporter.



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