



Challenges Faced by Expert Witnesses

About the topic

Providing expert testimony before the Court or an Arbitral Tribunal can be a daunting experience. There are numerous potential traps for the unwary and ill-prepared. Forewarned is forearmed so this seminar is an opportunity to interact with two seasoned expert witnesses who have provided written and oral testimony on many occasions. They will share views and experiences as to how best to deal with some of the challenges faced by expert witnesses. Areas covered will include:

- The expert's paramount duty to provide impartial and objective expert testimony
- Dealing with actual and perceived conflicts of interest
- What to say and how to say it in an expert report
- Liaising with opposing experts
- Cross-examination tips
- Differences between the provision of expert testimony in civil and criminal proceedings

This will be an interactive session. Please come prepared to participate.

About the event

Date & Time	14 October 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Venue	HKICPA training centre 27 th Floor, Wu Chung House 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai
Fee	HK\$150 per person for ForensIG members HK\$250 per person for Non-ForensIG members <i>Priority is given to ForensIG members.</i> <i>Not a ForensIG member? Click here to join.</i>
CPD credit	1 hour (subject to actual attendance)
Language	English
Competency	Forensic accounting*
Rating	Intermediate level*
Application deadline	8 October 2014

* Please refer [here](#) for descriptions of the various ratings.

Rundown

12:30 pm	Registration (Sandwiches and drinks provided)
1:00 pm	Introduction
1:05 pm	Speakers' sharing
1:50 pm	Q&A / Discussion
2:00 pm	Closing

Speakers

Trevor Dick
 Partner, Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, EY

Catherine Williams
 Senior Managing Director,
 Forensic Accounting and Advisory Services, FTI Consulting

Moderator

John Wacker
 Member, ForensIG Management Committee, and Director and Associate General Counsel, Legal Department, Bank of America, N.A.



About the speakers

Trevor Dick is a partner in EY's dispute services practice based in Hong Kong. He is an experienced financial expert with more than 20 years of diverse accounting experience incorporating 17 years as a forensic accountant, investigating and opining on matters concerning breach of contract, business interruption, minority shareholder and joint venture disputes, acquisitions and disposals, the valuation of shares and businesses, and financial investigations in relation to matters such as fraud and insider dealing.

Since 1999 Trevor has been based in Hong Kong where he has been engaged by clients to provide expert assistance in connection with a variety of disputes pertaining to matters in Hong Kong; the People's Republic of China; Singapore; the Philippines and elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific region. He has provided written and oral expert accounting testimony before the High Court in Hong Kong and in various international arbitrations under the ICC, UNCITRAL, SIAC, AAA, CIETAC and HKIAC rules. He is a fellow of both the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Catherine Williams is a Senior Managing Director in the Forensic Accounting and Advisory Services of FTI Consulting and she is based in Hong Kong. Ms. Williams has provided accounting and investigative expertise in litigation and arbitration disputes for more than a decade, including matters involving fraudulent financial reporting, audit negligence, breach of contract, purchase price disputes, shareholder disputes, anti-trust actions, business interruption and fidelity insurance claims.

Ms. Williams has significant exposure to large litigation disputes, fraud investigations and insurance matters. She has prepared reports for court in civil and criminal proceedings, for regulatory authorities, as critiques of expert reports, and for the presentation of technical accounting issues to counsel. She is an expert witness with a demonstrated proficiency in her field.

Her work has included the preparation of reports on damages in such high profile matters as Moulin Global Eyecare Holdings Limited in the High Court of Hong Kong, and Seven Network Limited v News Limited in the Federal Court of Australia. Ms. Williams has obtained considerable knowledge of the legal process through working closely with lawyers managing commercial litigation in liquidations.

In addition to her litigation consulting, her work in Hong Kong has included: the establishment of the quantum of loss for breach of contract for an arbitration in the People's Republic of China; the quantification of customs duty liability in a contract dispute between a Taiwanese conglomerate and its joint venture partner; and an expert report for a dispute over assets in a deceased estate. Ms. Williams work in Australia has included an investigation and expert report on behalf of a government superannuation fund after a significant fraud was perpetrated on the fund Custodian, and led the team that prepared the expert report for the respondents in a trade practice (anti-trust) claim in the pay-TV industry.

Registration

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- The closing date for enrolment is **8 October 2014**.
- You may consider your registration to be successful unless you receive notification from us to the contrary.
- Unless the event is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, no refunds will be given after applications have been processed.
- Bad weather arrangement: The seminar will be cancelled if typhoon signal no. 8 or above / black rainstorm warning is hoisted, as announced by the Hong Kong Observatory, at or after 6:30 a.m. on the date of the event. In the event of cancellation due to bad weather, the admission fee will be refunded.

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