

Due Diligence: Failures and Remedies

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Presenters' Profiles

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Professor Black received his B.A. from Princeton University, M.A. in physics from University of California at Berkeley and J.D. from Stanford Law School and was Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and Columbia Law School. He has published several books and numerous articles in law, finance and economics journals, principally in the areas of law and finance, corporate and securities law, international corporate governance, and corporate acquisitions. His books include *The Law and Finance of Corporate Acquisitions* and *Guide to the Russian Law on Joint Stock Companies*.

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Mr Greenwood is the Executive Director – Strategy at CLP Holdings responsible for supporting the CEO on matters relating to the overall strategy and direction of the CLP Group's activities. Before joining the CLP Group in 1995, he was a solicitor with leading corporate law firms in London, Hamburg, Hong Kong and Paris. He was the Company Secretary and Corporate Counsel of CLP Holdings between 1996 and 2005.

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