



E-learning webinar:

The Impact of COVID-19 on Commercial Contracts and Points to Consider in a Business Continuity Plan

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The COVID-19 epidemic is having a dramatic impact on all aspects of commercial life. Parties to contracts are finding that they are unable to perform their obligations for various unforeseen reasons. In this 1-hour webinar, the speakers will discuss whether those parties are able to rely on force majeure or frustration to avoid liability. In some circumstances, businesses may be unable to use their existing premises. Certain points to consider when preparing or updating a Business Continuity Plan in response to COVID-19 epidemic will be covered.

Speakers	Mr. William Barber , Partner (Dispute Resolution Practice), MinterEllison LLP Mr. Fred Kinmonth , Senior Partner (Corporate & Commercial Practice), MinterEllison LLP Mr. Jonathan Green , Partner (Dispute Resolution Practice), MinterEllison LLP (Speakers' profiles are printed overleaf)
Date	Tuesday, 17 March 2020
Time	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Format	Live webinar
Language	English
Fee	Free for HKICPA member
Registration	Online registration will commence at 12:00 noon, 13 March 2020. <i>(An email will be sent to you when your registration is accepted, which will include a login ID and password for the webinar. You can access the webinar by tablet, smart phone or PC.)</i>
Participants	Business owners; Chief Executive Officers; Chief Financial Officers; Company Secretaries; Entrepreneurs; Business managers and people involving in commercial contracts enforcement
Competency*	Business planning and strategy; Corporate governance; Risk management and internal control
Sub-competency*	Developing and implementing strategic actions; Compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and corporate governance best practices; Crisis management
Rating*	Foundation to intermediate level
CPD hour	1

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About the speakers

Mr. William Barber, Partner (Dispute Resolution Practice), MinterEllison LLP

Mr. Barber specialises in commercial and regulatory disputes and has extensive experience in international arbitration, white collar defence, board room disputes and regulatory litigation with a particular emphasis on the securities and financial services, energy and commodities, and telecommunications sectors. He has practised in Hong Kong for nearly 25 years and has been involved in cross border criminal investigations, shareholder disputes in the real estate sector, a substantial court action against the SFC relating to alleged false trading in securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and tax appeals on behalf of individuals.

Mr. Fred Kinmonth, Senior Partner (Corporate and Commercial Practice), MinterEllison LLP

Mr. Kinmonth heads the firm's Corporate practice in Asia. He has over 40 years' experience working as a corporate and transactional lawyer and as an investment banker. He has advised multinationals, investment banks, Hong Kong corporations and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Governments on merger and acquisition, equity fundraisings, refinancing and restructurings and major entertainment-related infrastructure projects.

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Mr. Green works on commercial disputes, employment matters, media law, privacy law, restructuring and insolvency, regulatory and government investigations. He has practised in Hong Kong since 1991.