



Joint ForensIG-RIF seminar:

# Forensic Accounting Expert Witness acting in cases of Audit Negligence and Financial Disputes

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## About the topic

Have you ever looked closely at the work of a forensic accounting expert witness in legal cases? He or she provides litigating parties and the court with independent specialist evidence on complex financial issues, enabling them to formulate persuasive arguments or make informed decisions. Forensic accounting expert evidence is used in a variety of situations, including analysing the cause and impact of an accounting failure, tracing movements of funds in fraud cases, and quantifying the financial effect of a catastrophic event on a business or an individual's wealth – to quote just a few.

Forensic accounting expert witnesses are highly skilled professionals each of whom has a unique blend of accounting expertise, legal knowledge and an understanding of "courtroom dynamics". In cases involving audit negligence or financial disputes, they conduct financial investigations and assist with evidence gathering, provide expert opinions on the matters at issue, and typically prepare an expert report as the end product. They are often required to attend court and present and explain their findings under cross-examination.

In this seminar, the speakers will form a panel discussion about the challenging work of a forensic accounting expert witness. Drawing on copious experience as a seasoned practitioner and an instructing solicitor, they offer insights into cases of engaging forensic accounting expert witnesses, the practical responsibilities and personal qualities expected of an expert witness, and the current state and possible future direction of this niche profession in Hong Kong.

## About the event

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Tuesday, 21 January 2025</b> 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
<b>Venue</b>	HKICPA training centre, 27th Floor, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai
<b>Fee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ForensIG/ ACFE/ RIF members: HK\$230</li> <li>HKICPA member or student; and IA: HK\$270</li> <li>Non-member: HK\$430</li> </ul> <p><i>Priority is given to ForensIG members. Not a ForensIG member?</i>                  Click <a href="#">here</a> to join ForensIG. If you are a non-member of the Institute, please register as a new web member first before completing an online registration as a ForensIG member.</p>
<b>CPD credit</b>	1 hour (subject to actual attendance)
<b>Law Society CPD credit</b>	Being applied for
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Competency</b>	Forensic accounting*
<b>Rating</b>	Intermediate level*
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>Online enrolment by 17 January 2025</b> (offline enrolment by 15 January 2025)

### Rundown

<b>1:00 pm</b>	Introduction
<b>1:05 pm</b>	Panel discussion and presentation
<b>1:50 pm</b>	Q&A
<b>2:00 pm</b>	Closing

*Note: Refreshments will be provided at the seminar*

### Panelists

#### Guy Norman

Moderator: Convenor, ForensIG Management Committee (MC) and Forensic Partner, Deloitte China

#### Stephen Weatherseed

Managing Director, Secretariat International

#### David Smyth

Senior Consultant, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain

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



## About the panel

### **Guy Norman**

**Convenor, ForensIG MC and Forensic Partner, Deloitte China**

Guy specialises in estate management and disputes work, and other court appointments, as well as legal and regulatory matters. With 29 years in Hong Kong/ China, he has been heavily involved in the administration of a number of family matters and has led several engagements including appointments made under the Companies Ordinance, the Probate and Administration Ordinance and the Mental Health Ordinance. Of publicly known matters, Guy was involved in the Estate of Nina Kung (a.k.a. Nina Wang), the Estate of Wang Teh Huei and the Estate of Mui Yim Fong. Guy has also worked in asset tracing, litigation support and expert witness engagements. He has acted as an expert or factual witness in numerous court proceedings and tribunals.

### **Stephen Weatherseed**

**Managing Director, Secretariat International**

Stephen is a Chartered Accountant and financial expert initially in London and with more than 30 years of experience based in Hong Kong and Asia. He has diverse expertise in various financial advisory and litigation support areas, including corporate finance, audit risk management, financial disputes, valuations, transactions, mergers and acquisitions and China/Asian investment/trading strategies.

### **David Smyth**

**Senior Consultant, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain**

David specialises in professional practices and insurance & reinsurance. His particular areas of expertise are professional indemnity defence work, related risk management advice, and general commercial dispute resolution and mediation. He is Director of the Hong Kong Solicitors' Indemnity Fund, Chair of the Law Society of Hong Kong's Professional Indemnity Advisory Committee, a member of the Insurance Authority's Disciplinary Panel Pool, and a member of Law Society of England & Wales.

## Registration

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**You may consider your registration to be successful unless you receive notification from us to the contrary.**

- **Contact Mr. Marco Yip at 2287-7009 for enquiry.**

## Remarks

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