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Public Lecture

Recent Developments in Liability Insurance

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Room LG109, LG1 Floor, KK Leung Building, The University of Hong Kong

This lecture will focus on a number of important recent decisions affecting liability insurance. The most significant is that of the UK Supreme Court in *Durham v BAI Run-Off*, March 2012, which establishes the nature of the liability for, and insurance implications of, long-tail diseases. There are also decisions relating to the risks covered under a professional indemnity policy and the consequences of late notifications by the assured of potential claims.

Professor Robert Merkin is a Research Professor of Commercial Law at the Southampton University and a Consultant to international law firm Norton Rose Group. Rob specialises in insurance, reinsurance and arbitration, and has written some 40 books on these and related topics. His writings are regularly cited in English and other common law courts as works of authority, citations to date including the High Court of Australia and the US Supreme Court. Recent texts include the second edition of Colivaux's Law of Insurance in Hong Kong. He is presently working on the eighteenth edition of Arnould on Marine Insurance, and he is also consultant editor of four volumes of Halsbury's Laws of England. Looseleaf works which are updated on a regular basis include Insurance Contract Law (3 vols) and Reinsurance Law (2 vols). Professor Merkin edits the Lloyd's Law Reports (main series), Lloyd's Law Reports (Insurance and Reinsurance), the Journal of Business Law, Insurance Law Monthly and Arbitration Law Monthly. He is also the editor of the insurance volume of Halsbury's Laws of Hong Kong.

He has been a Distinguished Visitor for the Singapore Academy of Law, delivered the Geoff Masel Memorial Lectures in each of the Australian State Capitals in October 2009 and in May 2012 was awarded the Hotung Fellowship at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, to deliver a series of lectures on earthquake insurance. Rob is a consultant to the English and Scottish Law Commissions for their inquiry into the reform of insurance law. He is President of the British Insurance Law Association and Vice-President of the International Association of Insurance Law.

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