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#### **Course Objective**

- ➤ Analysis of the risks inherent in the formation and management of contracts
- Explain key contract provisions and provide instruction on how to manage contract risk effectively
- ➤ Interpret essential contract clauses and understand the specific terms and conditions
- ➤ Develop your ability to negotiate an effective contract to protect your corporation's interests
- ➤ Discuss where things can go wrong, and learn how to avoid problems, or mitigate their effects through well drafted contracts and good management
- ➤ Recognize how to avoid disputes but be prepared to deal with them if they arise



#### **Target Audience**

- ➤ Marketing and sales staff
- ➤ Management professionals
- ➤ Other employees in corporate or governmental organisations who have a responsibility for drafting, negotiating, or approving contracts
- > Professionals such as legal and financial staff



#### **Course Outline**

- > **DAY 1**
- ➤ How Contracts are Created
- ➤ Quantifying Risks
- > The benefits of understanding contracts
- > The pitfalls of getting it wrong
- ➤ Controlling the Contract Process
- > Understanding the deal
- ➤ Controlling the negotiation
- Contract Formation
- ➤ Offer and Acceptance
- ➤ Battle of the forms
- Consideration and Intention
- > Does a contract have to be written?
- > Pre-contractual Issues and Documents
- > Due diligence, permits, and financial stability
- ➤ When are you committed?
- > DAY 2
- Controlling the Contracting Process
- ➤ Auctions, Bids and Tenders
- > Invitations to Tender and Treat
- > Heads of Terms and Letters of Intent
- ➤ Bonds and Guarantees
- > Standby Letters of Credit
- > Form of Agreement
- Contractual structures
- ➤ Incorporating standard terms of business
- ➤ Informal Contracts
- ➤ Letters of Comfort
- > Subcontracts and Warranties



- > **DAY 3**
- > Key Contract Clauses
- ➤ Pre-contracts and Post Contract "Qualification Phrases"
- ➤ Subject to contract
- ➤ "Without prejudice"
- > Subject to client comment
- > Securing Payment
- ➤ Payment Obligations
- ➤ Non payment remedies
- > Letters of credit
- ➤ Guarantees
- Delivery, Ownership and Risk
- > Time and place of delivery
- ➤ Late and failed delivery
- ➤ Damage in transit
- Ownership and Acceptance
- > Transfer of title and risk
- > Retention of title
- > Time of the essence
- ➤ Liquidated Damages
- > DAY 4
- **➤** When Things Go Wrong
- Contract Liability
- Managing Liability
- ➤ Limits of liability
- Damages
- ➤ Insurance and Indemnities
- > Product Liability
- ➤ How a claim is brought in contract
- > How a claim is brought in negligence
- Practical Risks



- > Frustration of a Contract
- > Force majeure
- ➤ Notices and Service
- ➤ Entire Agreement & Waiver
- ➤ Interpretation and Signing
- > Authority to sign a contract
- ➤ Power of Attorney
- ➤ When do Contracts End?
- ➤ Termination/discharge
- > Transfer
- > Variation
- ➤ Mistake
- > DAY 5
- Disputes and Compliance
- > Choice of Law
- Choice of Dispute Resolution
- ➤ Negotiated settlement
- > Litigation
- > Arbitration
- ➤ Mediation, adjudication, and experts
- > Settlement Issues
- > Enforcement of judgements and awards
- > Jurisdiction
- ➤ The Importance of Business Integrity
- Bribery
- > Corruption
- ➤ Money laundering
- Competition law



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