

Abstract

PREPARING FOR PRACTICE: DEVELOPING STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF RISK MANAGEMENT

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Risk management issues pervade legal practice. Although there has been some improvement in how lawyers manage those issues, particularly in the last decade or so, the chief causes of clients' complaints and claims remain: poor communication and inefficient or non-existent workplace systems. How well-equipped are entry level lawyers to avoid claims and complaints in their early years in practice? Do they understand the significance of appropriately and efficiently dealing with risk management issues? This article suggests that it is important for providers of pre-admission training in law schools and elsewhere to assist students to develop that understanding by implementing a soundly designed risk management program in the curriculum.

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