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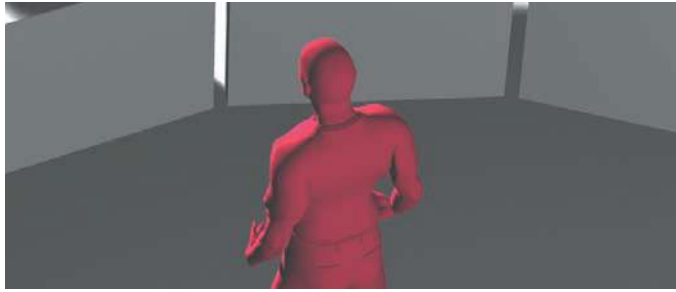
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About the Book

What happens if your conduct fails to measure up to the standard of professional conduct expected of members of your profession?

What is the difference between professional misconduct and unsatisfactory professional conduct?

This book will help you understand the nuances and intricacies of the law that governs untoward practitioner conduct.

If you are a practitioner or professional who provides essential or paid services to the community – lawyer, doctor, dentist, veterinary surgeon, accountant and so on – you will come within the jurisdiction of disciplinary bodies, being required by law to provide your services ethically and appropriately.

Here you will find essential information for practitioners and professionals as well as their advocates when appearing before disciplinary bodies and tribunals.

Likewise, members of disciplinary bodies will be enlightened on questions such as:

- the object of disciplinary proceedings
- the standard of proof
- differentiating between professional misconduct and unsatisfactory professional conduct
- handing down disciplinary decisions
- to plea or not to plea
- good advocacy
- natural justice
- sound decision making.

In writing this book the authors, in their capacity as decision-makers and advocates, have sought to demystify a complex and confusing area of the law.

About Lovegrove and Lord

We practise cross-jurisdictionally in the areas of practitioner advocacy, construction, planning law and commercial law.

In terms of practitioner advocacy we have been briefed to appear in disciplinary jurisdictions and tribunals for many years in NSW, Victoria and the ACT.

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The law firm was desirous that Kim Lovegrove collaborate in writing this book as it was felt that the book would prove most instructive to professional fraternities that come under the jurisdiction of regulation and disciplinary oversight. Accordingly, it enabled Kim Lovegrove to go “offline”, so to speak, to commit significant energies to this endeavour.