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Directors' guarantees: The signature seminar

Landlords, trade creditors and others often manage their risk by procuring directors to sign the contract in what they believe is their dual capacities, namely not only on behalf of the company but also as guarantor. More times than one might realise, it is not so clear in what capacity a director is actually appending their signature. Questions that arise include whether one signature binds both the company and the director personally, and, assuming the director loses the argument on capacity, what last refuge might be available. Join presenter Sydney Jacobs as he turns the lenses in the kaleidoscope on different factual scenarios and varying judicial approaches to this oft-recurring issue in practice.

Meet the speaker

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