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Learning from others' mistakes





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Improvements identified

Area of Concern	Improvements identified
Client care	✓ Well –written client engagement letters✓ Written agreements provided
Written Agreements	✓ Description of services clearer/ match invoices
CPD	✓ Engagement with mandatory webinars/ completing CPD
Supervision records	✓ Evidence of direct supervision not only includes copies of supervision minutes.
Client Funds/ receipts	✓ Transition to online payments has reduced issues with cash payments/ invoicing





Mistakes- Client Care

Issues	Code of Conduct 2014
Dishonesty/ Negligence	Cl 1Cl 29Own up to mistakes
Unlicensed advice/ Clerical workers	 Cl 1, 2(e) and 3(c) LIA has individual responsibility Instructions of client
Managing confidentiality	Cl 4- written consent
Written consent to initial consultations- Terms and Conditions	• Cl 16
Following instructions/engagement with client.	Cl 1Cl 2(e)Cl 26(c)





Mistakes- Written Agreements

Issues	Code of Conduct 2014
Scope of services	• Cl 18(d), 19(e)
Method of charging for fees and disbursements	Cl 19 (i)Invoicing Cl 22
Refunds	• Cls 19(k), 20(a) and 24
Provisional Licence Holder requirements	• Cls 13(c), 19(c)
Record of summary of professional standards being <u>provided to</u> and <u>explained to</u> the client	Cl 17(a)-(b)Cl 19(m)
Records that a copy of the complaints procedure has been provided to the client	Cls 17(c)Cl 19(n)
Sign-on fees (also known as fee retainers)	 Cl 20(a) (also see Geldenhuys v Yap [2013] NZIACDT 27)





Mistakes- File Management

Issue	Code of Conduct 2014
Employees recording/ providing advice	 Cl 2(e) Individual responsibility Clerical workers using LIA signatures
Handover of client file to another LIA/ communications	Cl 28Cl 10(a)
Evidence of compliance with maintaining a complete client file	Cl 26 (a),Cl 26 (c)
Maintaining client account and ledger/ receiving funds in advance	• Cl 25
Providing complete client files for the purposes of inspection	• Cl 26(e)





Mistakes-Supervision

Issue	Code of Conduct 2014
Develop and enter into a supervision agreement which reflects intended supervision arrangements	Cl 11Cl 12(c) and 13(a)
Frequency of regular formal supervision meetings	Cl 11Cl 12(c) and 13(a)
Changes to supervision agreements – termination, supervision fees, frequency of supervision.	Cl 12(f)Cl 13(b)Cl 13(d)
Keeping records of supervision arrangement	Cl 11Cl 12(c) and 13(a)





Resources available

Previous Webinars

- Client Files
- Ethics considerations
- Supervision
- Client care and initial assessments

Toolkits

- Code of Conduct Toolkit
- Supervision Toolkit
- Licensing Toolkit
- Ethics Toolkit

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