

Was it all worth it?

Sir Rupert Jackson

The last 10 years have seen fundamental changes in the civil justice system, in particular to the rules of procedure, with a view to reducing the costs of litigation, implemented on the recommendation and under the leadership of Sir Rupert Jackson. In this article, he discusses the strategies underlying his reforms, the effectiveness of the different measures introduced, and what has been achieved overall.

SAAMCO re-explored: *BPE* and the law of professional negligence

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In *BPE Solicitors v Hughes-Holland* [2017] UKSC 21 the United Kingdom Supreme Court provided extensive consideration and analysis of the SAAMCO principles relating to liability for economic loss caused by careless advice. The purpose of this article is to offer a critical analysis of the decision in *BPE*, exploring its impact upon such issues as the relationship between scope of duty and causation terminology; the allocation of the burden of proof; and the distinction between information and advice. The article further considers the implications of *BPE* for professional negligence more broadly, including for medical negligence cases involving a failure to inform of risks.