

Professional Negligence

Law

The standard applied to those holding themselves out as skilled.

How the standard operates.

The standard

The reasonably competent practitioner

Judged at the time, not with hindsight

A responsible body of opinion may support the act

That opinion must itself be logically defensible

Inexperience is not a defence

Common contexts

Medical treatment and advice

Legal advice and conveyancing

Surveying and valuation

Accountancy and audit

Financial advice

Educational reference. In consent to medical treatment, the standard is what the particular patient would want to know.