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THE COMMON LAW LECTURE SERIES

*When will the Court grant relief for trustees' mistakes?:
Pitt v Holt and Futter v Futter*

the Rt Hon The Lord Walker of Gestingthorpe

Non-Permanent Judge, The Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong

Lord Walker graduated from Trinity College, University of Cambridge. He was called to the Bar in 1960, and was appointed as Queen's Counsel in 1982. He was appointed to the Chancery Division of the High Court in 1994, became a Lord Justice of Appeal in 1997 and was further appointed to the House of Lords (now Supreme Court) in 2002. He retired from the Supreme Court in 2013. Lord Walker has been serving as a Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal of Hong Kong since 2009.

About the Topic: In recent decades, there has been an increasing number of cases invoking the court's equitable jurisdiction under the so-called rule in *Hastings-Bass* [1975] Ch 25, in order to set aside voluntary dispositions made by trustees who made decisions without taking into account relevant considerations. In his Lordship's valedictory judgment in the Supreme Court case of *Pitt v Holt; Futter v Futter* [2013] UKSC 26; [2013] 2 WLR 1200, Lord Walker resolved the English position on the nature and scope of this rule. His Lordship also gave detailed guidance on rescission on the ground of mistake. In this Lecture, Lord Walker will share with us the developments of the court's equitable jurisdiction to grant relief for trustees' mistakes, as well as the practical implications of his Lordship's seminal decision.

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Registration: 6:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, reception at 7:30 pm

Date: Monday, 24 February 2014

Venue: Moot Court, 2/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Faculty of Law, Centennial Campus, HKU

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