

# Article Summary

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***Allied Maples v Simmons & Simmons* thirty years on**

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This article explores how the law as set out in *Allied Maples v Simmons & Simmons* on the loss of a chance has developed over the last thirty years. In practice it works well, but there are theoretical problems about its application. It has limited application in personal injury claims for insufficiently good reasons. The limits of the doctrine have been largely but not completely set. Recent law setting the threshold of a substantial chance at 10 per cent are a mistake.