Four years ago Lord Phillips wrote in the Hong Kong Law Journal that vicarious liability area was on the move. Vicarious liability is an extremely important area of tort law that has been seeing dramatic development across common law jurisdictions. The UK and Canadian Supreme Courts and the Singapore Court of Appeal have examined the area in great depth. But there are still unanswered questions. This lecture will examine the routes to liability for fraudulent and negligent statements by others, and the extent to which such liability should be regarded as vicarious or explained in some other way.

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