

APLA Exchange

Product/Design Liability

We are acting for a person who was injured when using an old twin tub washing machine. The left hand index finger was severely traumatised and subsequently amputated when caught in the holding mat which held down the clothes in the spinner. Members with any information on inherent design faults for such washing machines and/or spinner stop mechanisms and switches are asked to contact us with any information.

Please contact **Mark Kurtze**, Solicitor at Corsers, 5th Floor, 97 Pirie Street Adelaide 5000. **phone** 08 8223 6788, **fax** 08 8223 6337 or **email** mkurtze@lawsoft.com.au

Arachnoiditis

We act on behalf of a gentleman with ongoing back problems due to arachnoiditis following a myelography. The dye used in this procedure was an oil based contrast medium and investigative procedures performed on our client suggested a residual oil based contrast in the lumbar spine from the myelogram. It has been suggested by our client's treating neurosurgeon that there are currently cases before the court dealing with these issues. Any information that members could offer would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact **Ian Wallace** at JJ Woodward & Co, Lawyers, DX 7876, Newcastle, **phone** 02 4926 4822, **fax** 02 4926 3099

Parachuting Accident

I am looking for an expert in parachuting. A client of mine who was a beginner parachutist suffered a quite severe back injury when her chute on her first jump opened very forcefully. She was told by the instructor that the reason for the forceful opening was that the chute had been improperly packed. Is any APLA member aware of an expert in parachuting who may be able to assist in the case?

Please contact **Julian Johnson**, Ilbery Barblett, **phone** 08 9481 3388, **fax** 08 9481 3467, **email** jjohnson@ilbery.com.au

Grommets

We would be pleased to hear from any member who has had a client suffering from tinnitus as a result of the insertion of grommets.

Please contact **Judy Teitzel**, Shine Roche McGowan, DX 928 Quay Central, **phone** 07 3229 6777 **fax** 07 3229 1999, **email** law@shine.com.au

Paris Bus Crash

We have been instructed by a person injured in the Paris bus crash on 23rd April, 1998. We would be pleased to hear from any member who has also received instructions for any person injured in that accident.

Please contact **Peter Moore** of Brazel Moore & Daly, **phone** 02 4324 7699, **fax** 02 4323 2570.

Paediatric Neurologist

Can anybody recommend a Paediatric Neurologist for a case involving the misdiagnosis of a condition in a newly born child? It does not matter where the doctor resides.

If so please contact **John Watts** of Champion & Partners; **phone** 02 9635 8266, DX 8220 Parramatta, **email** wattsj@champion.com.au

Exchange to UK

I have a small niche practice with one partner and four fee earners, a total of ten staff, dealing solely with plaintiff personal injury claims and road traffic accidents. For some time I have been extremely keen to find out if an "exchange" with a similar practice in Australia would be possible. I am proposing an initial holiday of say, three weeks, where a similar lawyer in Australia would exchange house, cars, etc. And would spend one week of that holiday in the office. If that exchange worked then that would lead to an extended sabbatical some time in the future for a minimum of six months when I would work full time at the Australian lawyer's office and vice versa.

Please contact **Ross Aldridge**, Ross Aldridge Solicitors, 3 Rowcroft Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 3AZ, **phone** +44 1453 766 193, **fax** +44 1453 751 814

Spinal Abscess

We act for a middle-aged male plaintiff who has a claim against his medical attendants and the hospital for malpractice arising out of circumstances where the client developed a disastrously disabling spinal abscess indicative of negligence. More particularly, the failure to perform surgical intervention for removal of the abscess (which presumably would have led to less serious spinal damage) is an indicator of medical negligence.

If anyone has any relevant information or knows of similar instances, please contact

Murie & Edward, PO Box 143, West Perth, 6872, **phone** 08 9321 4601, **fax** 08 9324 1449.

Xanax

Is any APLA member aware of any side effects of the use of the drug Xanax (in Australia at least) which is manufactured by the chemical company Upjohn?

Please contact **Shane Charles**, Shine Roche McGowan, PO Box 668, Toowoomba, QLD, 4350 **phone** 07 4638 5777, **fax** 07 4638 5810, **email** scharles@shine.com.au

Shopping Trolley Accident

I act for an elderly woman who sustained serious damage to her leg due to a shopping trolley, heavily laden with Christmas shopping, losing its grip on an inclined traveller. Does any APLA member have information about similar case?

Please contact **Rick Byrne** at Rick Byrne & Associates, **phone** 07 3806 0011, **fax** 07 3806 0055, **email** rbyrne@powerup.com.au

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