

UNLAWFUL ASSAULTS IN HOTELS – OCCUPIERS LIABILITY

We act for two clients who, in separate incidents, were assaulted in hotels in country towns. In both cases, the victims were assaulted by persons with extensive criminal records, who were known to be violent when affected by alcohol. We are contemplating an action against the occupiers of the hotel in each case, on the basis of occupiers liability. Have any members acted in relation to similar matters?

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BIRTH TRAUMA LITIGATION- EXPERT EVIDENCE

I would like to hear from any member who has been involved in birth trauma litigation in which Associate Professor A.H. MacLellan from the University of Adelaide, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has given evidence, presumably for the Defendant. In particular I would like to be able to obtain the transcript of any evidence he has given in court.

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PERFORATED OESOPHAGUS

We act for a man who suffered a perforated oesophagus during a transoesophageal echo cardiogram. Is anyone aware of a Cardioanesthetist or Cardiologist who performs transoesophageal echo cardiograms and who may be able to assist?

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ELECTRIFIED GROUND

We act for a lady who has suffered a variety of significant illnesses over the past 12 months. It transpires that the local electricity supply authority incorrectly wired our client's property so as to cause the ground to be "electrified", only discovered after investigations by an electrical contracting friend.

The difficulty is finding the medical connection between the electrifying of our client's property and her illnesses. We ask whether any member has information regarding a similar fact situation or any medical reference or medico-legal consultant who may be of assistance.

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INDIRECT DISCRIMINATION OF THE DISABLED

I have undertaken to act on a pro bono basis for a severely disabled man who requires 24 hour nursing support. His particular concern is that at cinemas and sporting fixtures, which he is able to enjoy as well as the able bodied, he is invariably asked to pay admission for both himself and carer. He has recently been advised by SOCOG that if he is to attend the Olympics and wants to be accompanied he must purchase an additional ticket. Contact from anyone with knowledge or experience in this area of discrimination law is welcomed.

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1999-2000 diary

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1 December 1999
QUEENSLAND LITIGATION AT SUNRISE
Chief Justice of Qld Supreme Court speaking

17 December 1999
PLAINTIFF COPY DEADLINE
Theme – Professional negligence

17-18 February 2000
QUEENSLAND STATE CONFERENCE
Noosa Sheraton

29 February 2000
PLAINTIFF COPY DEADLINE
Theme – Tax and the GST

3-4 March 2000
NSW STATE CONFERENCE
Manly Pacific Parkroyal

30-31 March 2000
MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CONFERENCE
Melbourne

5-6 May 2000
VICTORIAN STATE CONFERENCE
Mt. Buffalo

26-27 October 2000
APLA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Gold Coast Marriott