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DIVORCE AND NULLITY IN AUSTRALIA – WHEN TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE

Applying for divorce in Australia is usually straightforward, but not always! Three recent cases from 2017 highlight the importance of seeking legal advice in relation to marriage and divorce.

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CHANGING BUSINESS OWNERS: FIVE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR BUSINESS TRANSFER

Transfer of business interests can be an area of drama and dispute. Forcing a transfer on parties unexpectedly or at a time not conducive to the exit will likely damage existing relationships and the business itself.

This article contains practical considerations for business owners faced with the pitfalls of an unplanned business interest transfer.

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COSTLY REMINDER: PLUS GST IS NOT AN OPTIONAL EXTRA

The saying "God is in the detail" is particularly applicable in this case. Details do matter and in this case, failing to comply with the plain and clear details of the Sale Contract and making the assumption that "GST" was the same as "plus GST" cost the vendor \$290,000.

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DOMINO'S "SCREW UP" SERVES AS A TIMELY REMINDER OF FRANCHISOR'S MARKETING FUND OBLIGATIONS

Domino's recently come under the scrutiny of the ACCC and the media for its failure to meet reporting timelines. This piece highlights the importance for franchisors to comply with their marketing funds reporting obligations.

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BATTLE OF THE WILLS: PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL PREVAILS OVER HOME-MADE WILL

There are significant risks associated with failing to leave a valid Will. The executor of an informal Will is faced with the expensive task of applying for probate of the informal Will. In a recent case, the court rejected an application for probate of an informal Will, in circumstances where the deceased left an earlier, properly executed Will.

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