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### MST LAWYERS – WINNERS OF THE MYOB FCA SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MST Lawyers was honoured and delighted to receive this year's Supplier of the Year Award at the MYOB FCA Excellence in Franchising Awards on 10 October 2017.

The Award recognises supplier excellence in contributing to the franchising sector and helping franchising clients achieve their goals.

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### SAFE HARBOUR FOR DIRECTORS FOR INSOLVENT TRADING

Recent amendments to the Corporations Act 2001 have resulted in extra protection for company directors for trading while insolvent. This 'safe harbour' for directors from personal liability ultimately enables company restructures outside of a formal insolvency process. This article will set out the situation before this amendment, the relevant changes, the conditions of this change and the benefits it presents.

This article deals with civil liability as opposed to the criminal liability of directors.

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### **THE ILLUSION OF 'EXCLUSION' IN PROPERTY SETTLEMENT CASES**

The Full Court of the Family Court of Australia has confirmed that all property will be considered when finalising property matters between parties upon marriage breakdown.

Significantly, this also includes property inherited years after separation. The ruling has established that property acquired post-separation will not be 'excluded' from consideration.

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### **SWEEPING CHANGES TO INHERITANCE RULES ON THE HORIZON**

On 1 November 2017 new intestacy rules come into force. These changes significantly affect the rights and entitlements of partners and children whose loved ones die without leaving a valid Will.

These rules will also have the effect of increasing the likelihood of a deceased's assets passing to the State, where there is no valid Will or close relatives.

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### **REAL ESTATE AGENTS – ARE YOU BREAKING THE LAW?**

It has long been a debated topic whether or not estate agents are legally permitted to draft special conditions for a Contract of Sale. This is a matter that should not be taken lightly, particularly given that the maximum penalty for contravening the law is two years imprisonment.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO JEREMY HOGG, MST LAWYERS' NEWEST ACCREDITED SPECIALIST**

MST Lawyers is excited to share that Jeremy Hogg of the Family Law team has successfully attained accreditation from the Law Institute Victoria (LIV) as a specialist in Family Law.

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### **MST LAWYERS SUPPORTS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

This month MST Lawyers took part in the Ronald McDonald House Charities Victoria's Golf Day at and also hosted a Make a Meal night at Ronald McDonald House Monash.

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