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LATEST NEWS FROM MST LAWYERS

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE HELPS LIMIT BUSINESS RISKS

Corporate Governance gives comfort to business stakeholders and provides assurances that the business is being effectively managed. Many factors are incorporated into this term including the rules, relationships, policies, systems and processes whereby authority within the organisation is exercised and maintained.

Corporate Governance is critical for a successful business.

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THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BEING "OFF THE CLOCK"

The Fair Work Commission has upheld the dismissal of an employee who used social media to share a pornographic video with coworkers. The decision highlights how employees can discipline their staff for conduct engaged in outside of working hours.

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MAJOR CHANGES TO POWERS OF ATTORNEY LAWS

The laws relating to medical treatment decision-making are about to change significantly with the commencement of the Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act 2016 (the Act).

The Act aims to consolidate and streamline existing laws so that all aspects of current and future medical treatment decision-making for people lacking the capacity to make decisions will be dealt with exclusively under the new Act.

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ACCC WASHES OUT IN ACTION AGAINST CUSSONS

In 2013, the ACCC instituted proceedings against Colgate and Cussons for engaging in cartel conduct. Only Cussons defended the claim, which the Federal Court went on to dismiss.

The key issue, in this case, was whether Cussons had entered into an arrangement or understanding with other members of the alleged cartel.

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CHALLENGING RENTAL DETERMINATIONS

If a landlord and tenant cannot agree on the current market rent when exercising an option, or renewing a lease, then the rent must be determined by a specialist retail valuer. But, what happens when a landlord or tenant wants to challenge the rent determination of retail premises lease prescribed by the independent valuer?

This article explains the options available to tenants and landlords who disagree with rental valuations provided by an external party.

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UBER DRIVERS – EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR?

The distinction between employment and other contracting arrangements can have a significant impact on the obligations and penalties that businesses are exposed to.

In a recent decision, the Fair Work Commission determined that a Victorian Uber driver failed to satisfy the “work-wages bargain”, which is considered to be fundamental to employment and was deemed to be an independent contractor.

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