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LATEST NEWS FROM MST LAWYERS

## SAME-SEX MARRIAGES AND ESTATE PLANNING

On 8 December 2017, Australia celebrated as same-sex marriage officially became law. On the following day, the laws took effect.

While this is exciting and very welcomed, what does this mean for estate planning?

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## FRANCHISING INQUEST 2018: SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT?

Federal Parliament is currently accepting submissions for another inquiry into franchising and, in particular, the Franchising Code of Conduct. With the report due to be released in September 2018, some have argued that resources would be better aimed at enforcing compliance with existing franchise laws rather than trying to prevent unscrupulous conduct by amending existing laws.

Whatever your view, in the current media and political climate, franchisors are advised to review their franchise agreements and related agreements and the manner in which they deal with franchisees to mitigate the risk of disputes or claims raised by franchisees or regulators.

[> Learn more](#)

## IS YOUR BUSINESS READY FOR SINGLE TOUCH PAYROLL?

From 1 July 2018, it will be mandatory for “substantial” employers, those with 20 or more employees, to start reporting their employees’ payroll information to the ATO through Single Touch Payroll.

Now is the time to start thinking about how this will impact your business.

[> Learn more](#)

## MST LAWYERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

April has been a stand out month for the firm as a whole as well as for two of our hard-working lawyers.

This month MST Lawyers has been humbled by the following achievements:

- Finalist in 14th Victorian Legal Awards – Law Firm of the Year (Medium)
- Belinda Spong – Finalist In Lawyers Weekly 2018 Partner Of The Year Awards

- [Alica Hill listed in The Best Lawyers Australia](#)

MST Lawyers is grateful to be recognised for its contribution to the industry and would like to congratulate the other finalists who will be joining us at the awards nights.

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## WOMEN IN FRANCHISING NETWORKING BREAKFAST

MST Lawyers would like to take the opportunity to remind you that the FCA is hosting its upcoming Networking Breakfast on Thursday 24th May. Guest Speaker Michelle Redfern, founder of Advancing Women, Women Who Get It and co-founder of social enterprise, Culturally Diverse Women, will help to inspire those in attendance. MST Lawyers are a proud member of the Women in Franchising Committee and we hope to see you there.

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