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**LATEST NEWS FROM MST LAWYERS****ACCESSORIAL LIABILITY FOR WORKPLACE LAW BREACHES**

The following recent cases illustrate the Fair Work Ombudsman's intent to extend liability for breaches of workplace laws, including the underpayment of wages and award benefits, beyond the employer.

While traditionally, liability has not extended beyond managers within an employer our Courts are now looking to extend liability to external advisers who facilitate or assist an employer in breaching workplace laws.

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WHAT DO CHANGES TO THE COMPETITION & CONSUMER ACT MEAN TO YOU?

MEET MARK SKERMER

In October 2017, Parliament passed the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Competition Policy Review) Bill 2017, introducing many significant changes to the Competition & Consumer Act 2010 (CCA).

The Act implements key recommendations pertaining to competition law, including those relating to cartels, price signalling and concerted practices, exclusionary provisions, secondary boycotts, third line forcing, resale price maintenance, authorisations notifications and class exemptions, access and evidentiary provisions.

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WHAT NOT TO DO AT THE WORK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas is coming, and so are work Christmas parties. Steps managers should take to reduce the risk of an HR disaster.

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PASTACUP TO PAY FOR FALLING SHORT OF THE FRANCHISING CODE

Pastacup franchisor ordered to pay penalties for breaches of the Franchising Code of Conduct, following proceedings by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

This decision cements that the Franchising Code of Conduct requires full and accurate disclosure of information to enable a prospective franchisee to make an informed business decision about whether to purchase a franchise.

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THE “ULTIMATE CONSUMER” TEST: ANOTHER APPLICATION

We have witnessed activity in the Court system around cases where wholly or predominantly supplied services are considered retail, regardless of whether or not these services are supplied to the public or business-to-business.

Fundamentally, the judgements determine whether or not leases of this nature are governed by the Retail Leases Act 2003.

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EDUCATION USED TO BEAT POVERTY IN CAMBODIA

MST Lawyers hosted Aviv Palti, Managing Director of the Cambodian Rural Students Foundation Ltd and two visiting students to hear how sponsored education and community-based programmes are being used to break the cycle of poverty in rural Cambodia.

MST Lawyers has committed to sponsor the NGO through a number of student sponsorships.

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MST LAWYERS CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Christmas is just around the corner.....

MST Lawyers will be closed from Monday, 25th December 2017 and will reopen on Monday, 8th January 2018.

We would like to wish you all the very best over the festive season.

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