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WHEN IS A LATE PAYMENT FEE A PENALTY?



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Late payment fees commonly appear in a variety of consumer and commercial contracts. A recent High Court decision has clarified the position on penalties in contracts and broadened the scope of fees and charges that are likely to be enforceable.

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A REMINDER TO FRANCHISORS THAT THE DISCLOSURE UPDATE WINDOW IS OPEN

Franchisors, the time has come to review and update your Disclosure Document for the financial year ending 30 June 2016. The Franchising Code of Conduct ("the Code") requires Franchisors to update their Disclosure Documents within 4 months of the end of their financial year.

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MST LAWYERS WELCOMES ALICIA HILL, PRINCIPAL, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND LITIGATION TEAM.

MST Lawyers are pleased to announce that Alicia Hill has joined the firm as a Principal in the Dispute Resolution and Litigation Team. With over 17 years' legal experience,

Alicia is an Accredited Specialist in Commercial Litigation in Queensland and Victoria, a Nationally Accredited Mediator and a graded arbitrator.

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THINK BEFORE YOU POST! FACEBOOK RANTS ABOUT YOUR EX-PARTNER COULD FALL INTO THE HANDS OF A JUDGE...OR WORSE

Section 121 of the Family Law Act 1975 prohibits a person from publishing (via electronic or other means) details of family law proceedings including parties, witnesses or persons relevant to the proceedings. In the Federal Circuit Court case of Longford v Byrne [2015] FCCA 2504, Judge Harman made orders restraining the husband from posting details of his wife and children or the court proceedings on social media.

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THE BENEFITS OF FRANCHISEE SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENTS

What happens when shareholders of a franchisee disagree or worse, act improperly in respect of the franchised business? Without the benefit of a Shareholders Agreement, arm's length shareholders will find it more difficult to resolve differences of opinion or deal with suspected wrongdoing by one or more shareholders.

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