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## **DOMESTIC BUILDING DISPUTES: NEW REGIME FOR BUILDERS**

Builders who have experienced residential building disputes are likely all too familiar with the associated time and cost consequences.

The newly established Domestic Building Dispute Resolution Victoria is an independent government agency, designed to provide quick and free solutions to building disputes.

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Builders need to understand how this new body works and what effect it will have on them.

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## **REMINDER TO FRANCHISORS: THE DISCLOSURE UPDATE WINDOW IS NOW OPEN**

The Franchising Code of Conduct requires Franchisors to update their Disclosure Documents within four months of the end of their financial year. For most Franchisors, this will mean their Disclosure Documents must be updated by 31 October 2017.

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## **NEW FRAMEWORK FOR ADVANCE CARE PLANNING AND END OF LIFE WISHES**

The Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act 2016 will come into operation on 12 March 2018. Under this new regime, individuals will be able to make Advance Care Directives giving binding instructions, and indicating their values and preferences, for future medical treatment.

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## **EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE — 1 JULY 2017 KEY THRESHOLDS**

July 1 was the beginning of the new financial year; bringing with it increases to key thresholds and figures in workplace laws that HR professionals and businesses should be aware of.

This piece highlights these changes.

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## ACCESS TO JUSTICE GAP

Essential funding for legal assistance services across the nation continues to be a pressing issue. The Productivity Commission in 2014 voiced the need to boost legal aid and the continuous reform and investment to deliver better justice every day.

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## MST LAWYERS INVOLVED IN 2017 INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INAUGURAL ASIA-PACIFIC MEDIATION COMPETITION

MST Lawyers was excited to be involved in the International Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Asia-Pacific Mediation Competition which encourages the development of legal skills including in alternate dispute resolution for the practitioners of the future. The competition sees university students gain valuable skills in mediation, an essential area of dispute resolution in international commercial law.

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