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## **WATCH OUT – THE VENDOR’S REAL ESTATE AGENT IS NOT REALLY HIS “AGENT”!**

On 11 March 2016, the Victorian Supreme Court handed down a remarkable decision that serves as an important reminder to the purchasers of real estate that the Vendor’s agent may not have authority to accept a cooling off notice to terminate the contract under section 31 of the Sale of Land Act 1962.

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## **MEDIATION IN HAGUE CONVENTION (CHILD ABDUCTION) CASES**

Te Mata & Butler [2016] FamCA 89 highlights the utility of mediation in proceedings conducted under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. This case demonstrates the benefits of the early appointment of an experienced independent children’s lawyer in child abduction cases; mediation with skilled mediators utilising a specialised model of mediation; direct judicial communication; and judicial initiative and pragmatism.

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## EMPLOYER COPS \$400,000 PAYOUT FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS BREACHES

On 1 April 2016, the Federal Circuit Court ordered an employer to pay more than \$465,000 in compensation and pecuniary penalties to a former tea-attendant as a consequence of it underpaying Award entitlements and engaging in unlawful adverse action in breach of section 340 of the Fair Work Act.

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## CREDIT CARD PAYMENT SURCHARGES SOON TO BE TIGHTLY REGULATED

For businesses that charge credit card or other payment surcharges, your conduct will soon be subject to tighter regulations. Businesses are now prohibited from charging excessive payment surcharges and are subject to greater ACCC scrutiny and enforcement.

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## DEALING WITH OVERSEAS CUSTOMERS – A TYPICAL SCENARIO

Tapping into overseas markets can be exciting and rewarding. However there are many traps that could make it very difficult for you to be paid, unless proper processes are put in place. We highlight a typical scenario where a business could be faced with difficult legal problems when dealing with overseas customers.

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