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**Australian Equity Investors, An Arizona Ltd Partnership v Colliers International (NSW) Pty Ltd (No. 3)** - s52 *Trade Practices Act* 1974 (Cth), s53A - application to vary earlier orders - security for costs (I, B, C)

Allen (Trustee), in the matter of Allen's Asphalt Staff Superannuation Fund v Commissioner of Taxation - *Taxation Administration Act* 1953 (Cth) - time to lodge an appeal extended (B)

Mentha, in the matter of The Griffin Coal Mining Company Pty Ltd (administrators appointed) - *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) - administrators seeking orders & directions pursuant to s447A & s447D (B)

**ACTEW Corporation Ltd v Mihaljevic & Ors** - Negligence - breach of statutory duty - building certifiers - plaintiff's claim against first defendant dismissed (I, C)

The State of Western Australia v Olive - Road Traffic Act 1974 (WA) - criminal law - causation (I)

Clayton Utz Lawyers v P & W Enterprises Pty Ltd - Legal Profession Act (Qld) 2007 whether bills constituted 'itemised bills' (I, B, C)

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**International Business Machines Corporation v Giovanni G. Visentin,** - United States case - employment law - application for preliminary injunction (I, B)

### Summaries with links (5 minute read)

### Friday 18 February 2011

### <u>Australian Equity Investors, An Arizona Ltd Partnership v Colliers International (NSW) Pty</u> <u>Ltd (No 3)</u> [2011] FCA 100

Federal Court of Australia

### Cowdroy J (in Sydney)

s52, s53A *Trade Practices Act* 1974 (Cth) - application to vary earlier orders requiring that all issues in the proceedings be determined at a single hearing, & an order made on requiring security for costs - allegation of misleading & deceptive conduct - property valuation – the United Kingdom & Australian case law considered.

Australian Equity Investors (I, B, C)

### <u>Allen (Trustee), in the matter of Allen's Asphalt Staff Superannuation Fund v Commissioner of</u> <u>Taxation</u> [2011] FCA 108

Federal Court of Australia Logan J (in Brisbane) *Taxation Administration Act* 1953 (Cth) - special income provision: s273 - time to lodge an appeal extended. <u>Allen</u> (B)

### Mentha, in the matter of The Griffin Coal Mining Company Pty Limited (administrators appointed) [2011] FCA 104

Federal Court of Australia Gilmour J (in Perth) *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) - administrators seeking orders & directions pursuant to s447A & s447D - long term coal supply contract - limitation of liability of administrators. <u>Mentha</u> (B)

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#### ACTEW Corporation Ltd v Mihaljevic & Ors [2011] ACTSC 23

Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

Gray J

Negligence - breach of statutory duty - building certifiers - plaintiff was at the relevant time responsible for sewerage network in the Australian Capital Territory - plaintiff has settled its claim against second & third defendants (second defendant a company operated by the third defendant, a licensed builder); plaintiff proceeding against first defendant certifier alleging breach of statutory duty & negligence in respect of approval of building work comprising extensions to existing dwelling where building extensions to property were constructed over a sewerage line & encroached on a sewerage easement - plaintiff claiming as economic loss the cost to it of relocating the sewer - vulnerability - plaintiff's claim against first defendant dismissed - detailed examination of *Building Act* 1972 (ACT), other ACT legislation & Australian case law.

ACTEW Corporation (I, C)

### The State of Western Australia v Olive [2011] WASCA 25

Court of Appeal of Western Australia

#### McLure P, Buss JA & Mazza J

*Road Traffic Act* 1974 (WA) - criminal law - causation - appeal against conviction by offender - three counts of dangerous driving occasioning death - three deaths - appellant contending counsel there was insufficient evidence to conclude that the manner of her driving & the three deaths were causally connected - appeal against sentence by the State - both appeals dismissed - extensive consideration of Australian case law.

Olive (I)

### In the District Court of Queensland...

### Clayton Utz Lawyers v P & W Enterprises Pty Ltd [2011] QDC 5

District Court of Queensland Reid DCJ *Legal Profession Act* (Qld) 2007 - costs - whether bills constituted 'itemised bills' - detailed examination of legislation & case law. <u>Clayton Utz Lawyers</u> (I, B, C)

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From the United States of America...

International Business Machines Corporation v Giovanni G Visentin, 11 Civ 399 (LAP) United States District Court, Southern District of New York Loretta A Preska, Chief United States District Judge Employment law - application for preliminary injunction to enforce non-competition agreement denied. IBM (I, B) US District Court • Southern District of New York

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