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**Dimanopoulos** v the State of Western Australia - Criminal law - appeal against sentence - stealing as a servant (I)

### Summaries with links (5 minute read)

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#### Commissioner of Taxation v Administrative Appeals Tribunal [2011] FCAFC 37

Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia

Keane CJ; Gordon & Downes JJ

Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Act 2007 (Cth) & other legislation - whether Administrative Appeals Tribunal's conclusion that it did not have jurisdiction to review Commissioner's decision not to make a determination under s292-465 was correct - appeal dismissed - comprehensive review of legislation & case law.

Commissioner of Taxation (B)

McMennemin - decision Administrative Appeals Tribunal 3 August 2010

#### <u>Lindholm, in the matter of Munday Group Pty Limited (Receivers and Managers Appointed)</u> (in liq'n) v Tsourlinis Distributors Pty Ltd [2011] FCA 195

Federal Court of Australia

Finkelstein J (in Melbourne)

Deed administration - share sale agreement - commercial leases - relief from forfeiture - extensive consideration of case law from the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom & Australia.

Lindholm (B, C)

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#### AMI Australia Holdings Pty Ltd v PHD Networks Pty Ltd [2011] NSWSC

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Macready AJ

Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) - application under s459G to set aside statutory demand - plaintiff relying on eleven grounds for setting aside demand - grounds include whether defendant was the plaintiff's agent at law - offsetting claim in malicious falsehood - offsetting claim under s52 *Trade Practices Act* 1874 (Cth) - email - quantification of offsetting claim - "debt," "liquidated claim," "liquidated sum" - detailed consideration of Australian case law.

AMI Australia Holdings (I, B)

#### Nicol v Whiteoak [2011] NSWSC 168

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Harrison J

Personal injuries - s48 *Insurance Contracts Act* 1984 (Cth ) - whether section extends to a plaintiff suing an insured - whether plaintiff a person to whom the insurance cover provided by contract extended - plaintiff seriously injured when a passenger in a boat driven by person killed in the accident - owner of the boat was insured to cover liability to pay plaintiff for personal injury pursuant to policy issued by Club Marine Ltd - second defendant the driver of the other boat involved in the accident - plaintiff's application to file fourth amended statement of claim in which Club Marine names as fourth defendant dismissed.

Nicol (I)

### Robbie Waterhouse v The Age Company Ltd & Ors; Robbie Waterhouse v Fairfax Media Pty Ltd & Anor; Robbie Waterhouse v Fairfax Digital Australia & New Zealand Pty Ltd & Ors [2011] NSWSC 159

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Nicholas J

Defamation Act 2005 (NSW) - three proceedings - exercise of discretion as to whether or not imputations should be struck out - capacity - whether separate items should be regarded as individual or composite - internet - s23 "matter."

Waterhouse (I)

#### Woods v Ross [2011] NSWSC 155

Supreme Court of New South Wales Harrison AsJ Page 4

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Limitation Act 1969 (NSW) - medical negligence claim - whether plaintiff was under a disability from June 1998 to at least 7 September 2005 so that the running of the limitation period was suspended during that time - answer 'yes' - expedition granted.

Woods (I)

#### <u>Trust Company Limited ATF Opera House Car Park Infrastructure Trust No 1 v The Valuer-</u> General (No 2) [2011] NSWLEC 34

Land & Environment Court of New South Wales

Pain J

Valuation of Land Act 1916 (NSW) - the Court did not have jurisdiction in these Class 3 appeals to determine whether reascertainments out of which the proceedings arise were not authorised by s14A(6.)

Trust Company Limited ATF Opera House Car Park Infrastructure Trust No 1 (C)

<u>Trust Company Limited ATF Opera House Car Park Infrastructure Trust No 1</u> - decision 26 August 2010: see 'Benchmark' B, C & IBC Wednesday 22 September 2010 - reported Decision: 178 LGERA 1 - *Valuation of Land Act* 1916 (NSW) - *Bennelong Point (Parking Station) Act* 1985 (NSW) - whether Opera House car park lot a stratum or land - no definition of land in the *Valuation of Land Act*; definition of stratum in s4 of that Act - car park lot should be valued as land under s6A of the VL Act - Australian case law considered.

#### Singh v Singh [2011] VSC 82

Supreme Court of Victoria

Mukhtar As J

Discovery of documents - both parties making applications - whether unreasonable or oppressive to order further discovery if documents are in Canada - documents concerning transfer of monies - discovery sought not to be characterised as "quantum" but going to the extent of final relief & availability of remedy.

Singh (I, B, C)

#### Dimanopoulos v the State of Western Australia [2011] WASCA 62

Court of Appeal of Western Australia

McLure P, Buss JA

Criminal law - appeal against sentence - stealing as a servant - appellant was employed as a book-keeper in family-owned business - false entries in business records - significant adverse financial impact on her employer - leave to appeal refused - appeal dismissed.

Dimanopoulos (I)



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....... On Mount Yagami
The setting sun has left the sky.
The light grows dim.
I thought I was a brave man.
My thin sleeves are wet with tears.

Kakuroi kureba
Ama zutau
Iri hi sashinure
Masurao to
Omoeru ware mo
Shikitae no
Koromo no sode wa
Toorite nurenu

#### Kakinomoto no Hitomaro

(c. 662 - 710 A.D.)

The passage of poetry above comes at the conclusion of one of Hitomaro's naga uta [lit. 'long poems' but actually elegies of moderate length] in which he writes about parting from his wife to journey from Iwami — Iwami was an old province of Japan in the area that is today the western part of Shimane Prefecture — the poem begins "In the sea of ivy-clothed Iwami ..... " "Tusunusa hau | Iwami no umi so...."

Kakinomoto no Hitomaro - eNotes.com Reference

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Out in the marsh reeds
A bird cries out in sorrow
As though it had recalled
Something better forgotten.

Wasurete mo
Aru beki mono wo
Ashi hara ni
Omoi izuru no
Naku zo kanashiki

<u>Ki no Tsurayuki</u> (c. 882 – 946 A.D.)

Poet, author, calligrapher –like Hitomaro, a major figure in Japanese literature.

Ki no Tsurayuki - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

recommended reading: Kenneth Toxteth's "One Hundred Poems from the Japanese"

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