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**Bevillesta Pty Ltd v D Tannous No 2 Pty Ltd** - Costs - whether appropriate to order that costs should be payable forthwith (I, B, C)

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### Summaries with links (5 minute read)

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#### Sartori v BM2008 Pty Ltd (No 2) [2010] FCA 1160

Federal Court of Australia

McKerracher J (in Perth)

Joinder - proceedings in relation to share issue - three applications by applicant - first, to join certain parties as applicants to proceeding; second, to join various respondents to the proceeding; & third, leave sought to file and serve amended application & amended statement of claim - second, third & fourth proposed applicants said to be assignees as a result of deed of assignment under which applicant assigned all causes of action he had against first respondent company (now in liquidation) including the present claim - share sale agreement - *Limitation Act* 1935 (WA) - costs - an interesting review of United Kingdom & Australian case law including on maintenance & champerty - consideration of *Trendtex Trading Corporation v Credit Suisse* [1982] AC 679 & *Campbells Cash & Carry Pty Ltd v Fostif Pty Ltd* (2006) 229 CLR 386.

Sartori (I, B, C)

#### Bevillesta Pty Ltd v D Tannous No 2 Pty Ltd [2010] NSWCA 277

Court of Appeal of New South Wales

Allsop P; McColl JA & Handley AJA

Costs - whether appropriate to order that costs should be payable forthwith - appeal from decision Supreme Court 7 May 2010: *D Tannous* (*No 2*) *Pty Ltd v Bevillesta Pty Ltd* in which primary judge had granted respondents leave to file a further amended statement of claim, had refused applicant's application for security for costs & had refused its application that the costs orders the primary judge had made against respondents consequent upon the amendments be payable forthwith - at para 39 of McColl JA's judgment: appellant was entitled to a costs forthwith order against the corporate respondents.

Bevillesta (I, B, C)

<u>Tannous</u> - decision 12 August 2009 referred to at para 3 of judgment of McColl J in Court of Appeal above - shopping centre at Gosford - leases - application by defendant company for dismissal of certain claims made by plaintiff company in its statement of claim

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#### New Cap Reinsurance Corporation Ltd (in liq'n) v Daya [2010] NSWSC 1226

Supreme Court of New South Wales

White J

Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth) - directors' & officers' liability insurance -agency - pleading foreign law - application by plaintiffs to strike out parts of amended defence filed by fifth to eleventh defendants ("the insurers") - plaintiffs alleging the insurers liable to indemnify first & fourth defendants in respect of those defendants' liability to plaintiffs - plaintiffs alleging that by reason of s6 Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1946 (NSW) the liquidator is entitled to recover from the insurers the amounts which he is entitled to recover from first & fourth defendants - plaintiff also seeking discovery of documents from the defendant insurers - application by fourth defendant for orders for discovery against plaintiffs & against fifth to eleventh defendants - issue of whether remedies under s28 Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth) available where allegation of non-disclosure by insured to insurer's agent not to be decided on interlocutory application for strike out.

New Cap Reinsurance Corporation (I)

#### Galovac Pty Ltd v Australian Capital Territory [2010] ACTSC 132

Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

Jagot J

Application for summary judgment or striking out - contracts - torts - duty of care - concurrent liability - claim for damages for economic loss as a result of ACT's alleged negligence - sewerage & stormwater services - application refused - at para 11 of judgment, consideration of *NRMA Insurance Ltd v A W Edwards Pty Ltd* (1995) 11 BCL 200.

Galovac (I)

#### Hall bhnf Hall v Armellin [2010] ACTSC 135

Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

Refshauge J

Application by plaintiff's next friend for a payment from settlement sum retained by Public Trustee, of sum of \$300,000 to her & her husband in respect of gratuitous services of care they have provided to plaintiff - application adjourned so that Public Trustee has an opportunity to be given due notice of application & to attend.

Hall bhnf Hall (I)

Singh (bhnf Singh) - decision Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory 3 November 2008

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### In the District Court of New South Wales...

#### Jajieh v Woolworths Ltd [2010] NSWDC 239

District Court of New South Wales

Levy SC DCJ

Personal injuries - occupier's liability - slip & fall on wet floor in retail premises - damages - past & future childcare - plaintiff's entitlement to damages assessed at \$766,793 - jurisdictional limit of the Court \$750,000.

Jajieh (I)

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