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Corporate Growth Sector E-Bulletin

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Welcome to the latest Morton Fraser Corporate Growth Sector E-bulletin.

We have entered the new year here with a spring in our step off the back of a busy 2022, which (I'm delighted to report) was capped with Morton Fraser being the only Scottish law firm named in the '[Top 15 Best Law Firms to Work For in the UK](#)' in the 'Best Companies to Work For 2022' list.

While challenges are predicted for the year to come, there will undoubtedly be opportunities to be grasped for those with the right eyes and the right approach - and we hope the content below offers ideas and insight for business leaders. This latest e-bulletin covers a wide range of litigation, corporate, employment and other topics.

Hope you enjoy the read.

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INSIGHT

So you want to exit?

In this uncertain economic climate, considering a business exit may make sense to some business leaders and entrepreneurs who will need to be prepared in the event that they need to sell quickly. Corporate Partner Andrew Walker details the practical steps to take to make the process smoother.

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NEWS

Entries open for In Drinks Catalyst

Morton Fraser is proud to support In Drinks Catalyst, a new business accelerator to promote emerging drinks brands from the UK. Producers are now invited to enter, for the chance to take a feature stand at the new national trade show for the drinks sector, In Drinks, taking place in Glasgow in March. Winners will also receive package of business support to take their business to the next level.

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ANALYSIS

Spin out or start up?

'Spin-out' and 'start-up' are frequently used phrases, though neither has an exact definition.

In this concise article, Senior Associate Stephen Clark and Partner Andrew Walker explain the difference, and what the practical effects of those are for business.

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Businesses need the ability to predict where the next shock will come from

Alan Meek, Partner in Morton Fraser's Restructuring & Insolvency team, features in The Scotsman, providing analysis on what the predictions of a sustained period of recession in 2023 will mean for business resilience and where the opportunities may lie for investors.

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Litigation funding: helping businesses when disputes arise

As the scale and prevalence of commercial disputes rise, Litigation Partner Nicola Ross provides a practical guide to the measures businesses can take to help cover the cost of litigating.

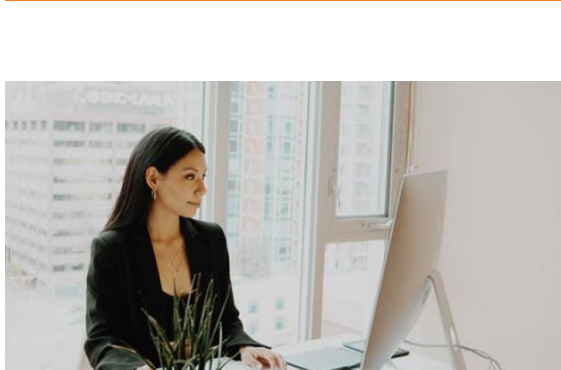
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Will mediation play a greater role for businesses during recession?

Most businesses will want to avoid the cost of a dispute ending in litigation. Mediation may be a more efficient alternative. Accredited mediator David Hossack provides an overview of what it involves.

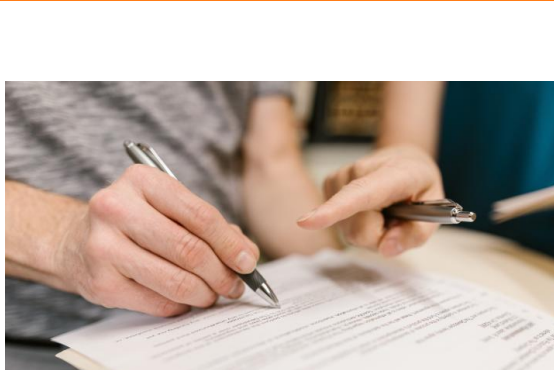
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Guide to share buybacks and private companies

A company can return value to its shareholders by buying back some of its shares, known as a "share buyback". This article details the practical steps to take when considering buyback options and financing.

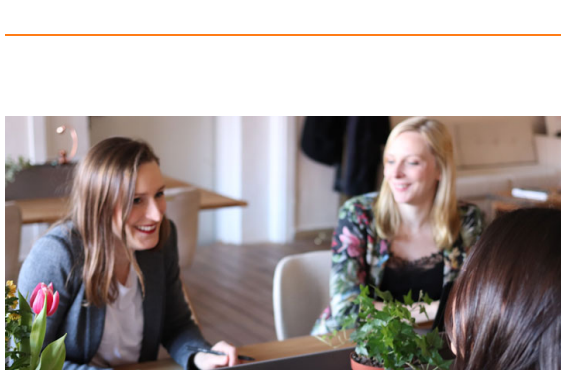
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Are ownership registers a breach of human rights?

Corporate beneficial ownership registers in the UK make it more difficult to hide illicit wealth, but similar registers in the EEA have been held to be unlawful. What, if anything, does this mean for the UK registers?

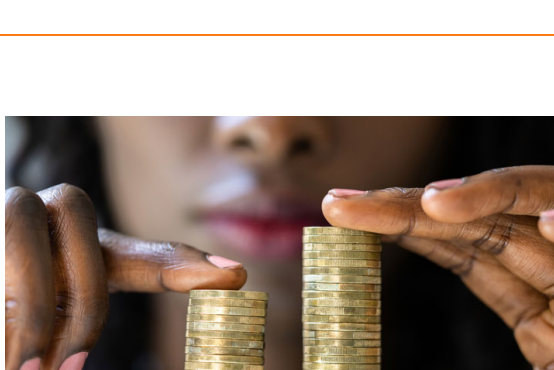
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Employment Law Reform: 2023 Timeline

This blog sets out the key legislative and case law decisions expected in 2023 and beyond that will affect employees and organisations across the country. Bookmark it, as it will be updated regularly throughout the year.

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ONS statistics show improvement in gender pay gap

Office for National Statistics figures show that the gender pay gap has fallen by a quarter among full time employees over the past decade. But while this overall improvement is positive, it is not all good news.

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