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Corporate Clarity E-Bulletin

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

We have quite a wide and interesting spread of articles to share with you in this E-bulletin, including employment law reform, recent corporate deal activity reported in the press and our involvement with In Drinks Catalyst, which took place earlier this month in Glasgow, and which the Morton Fraser team really valued attending and supporting. Of late we have also been delighted to announce the hire of five new colleagues at the firm to meet growing client demand.

Hope you enjoy the read.

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Partner and Head of Corporate Growth



INSIGHT

Legends and myths about Terms and Conditions

Having legal clarity is obviously a good thing, but business owners often view the preparation of appropriate terms and conditions as an unnecessary cost. Corporate Partner Andrew Walker and Senior Associate Stephen Clark dispel some of the dangerous myths about Ts & Cs, that often arise.

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NEWS

Morton Fraser advise Dxcover on £9.7m funding round to bring early-stage cancer detection tests to market

Morton Fraser has advised Dxcover as they reached a vital funding milestone to help them on their mission to improve outcomes for cancer patients. Iain Young, Corporate Partner at Morton Fraser said: "This deal is indicative of the great opportunities available for investors in the Life Sciences sector in Scotland."

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INSIGHT

Podcast: interview with Adam Hardie, Johnston Carmichael

Thirsty for knowledge on the drinks industry? In the latest episode of our 'Corporate Clarity' podcast, Andrew Walker, Head of Corporate Growth, is joined by guest, Adam Hardie of Johnston Carmichael, to explore the opportunities, trends and challenges facing the drinks industry.

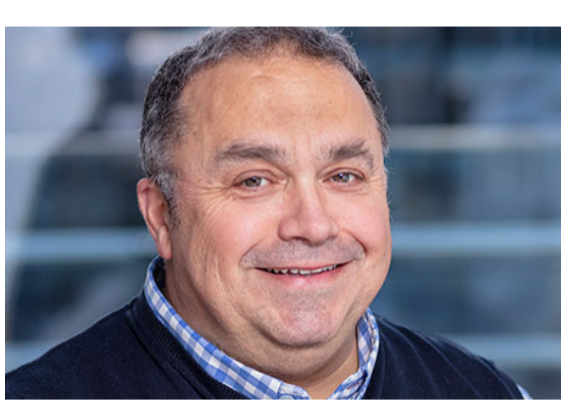
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In Drinks Catalyst winners announced

In Drinks Catalyst, the business accelerator programme supported by Morton Fraser, has announced two winners at the In Drinks conference in Glasgow. **Tongue In Peat**, a peat-smoked tomato juice, won the non-alcoholic competition category, and oat-based cocktail **Panther M*lk** took the award in the alcoholic drinks category. We look forward to working with both winners in the months ahead.

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Budget March 2023: the demise of the Lifetime Allowance. For now?

The UK Budget contained a number of alterations to the pension allowance regime, including the effective removal of the Lifetime Allowance from next month. Our Pension Planner, Norman Dagleish, explores these in more detail.

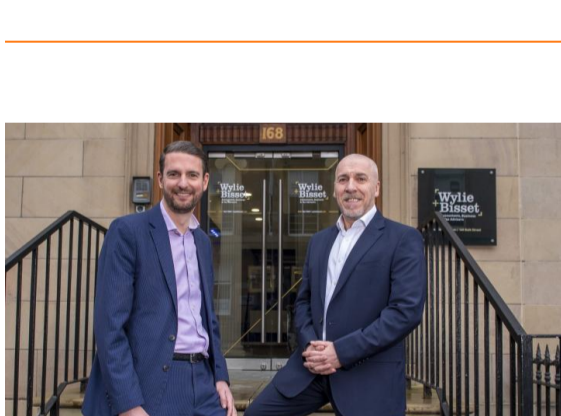
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What employment rights will disappear under new proposed bill?

The Retained EU Law Bill, known as the "Brexit Freedoms Bill", will give ministers and the devolved governments powers to preserve, restate or replace the Retained EU Laws. But what might that mean for UK employment rights?

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Morton Fraser advises Wylie & Bisset on deal with Opulus Financial

Morton Fraser has advised long-established Scottish accountancy firm Wylie & Bisset on their deal to join forces with Opulus Financial. The collaboration will support Wylie & Bisset to expand its business throughout Scotland.

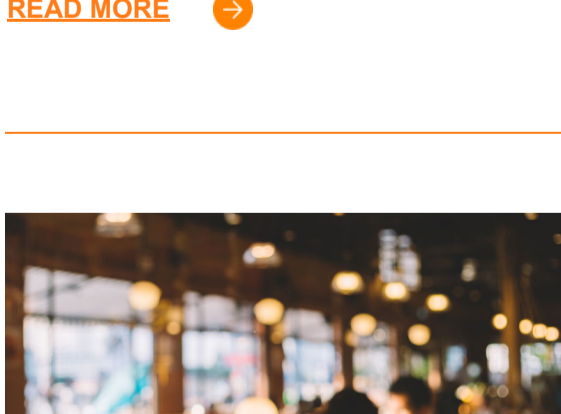
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Offices: retrofitting, the untapped opportunity for Scottish businesses

Real Estate partner Jonathan Seddon argues that when the purpose and use of the office is going through such significant evolution, there may be no better time for businesses and commercial property owners to reconsider the office spaces we already occupy.

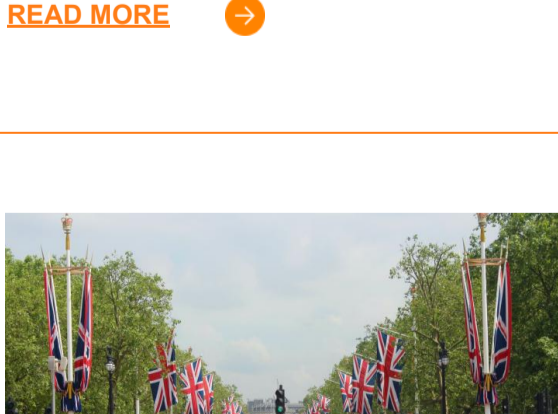
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Employment Law Reform: 2023 Timeline

Click below for all the key employment related legislative and case decisions expected in 2023 that will affect employees across the country.

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Are employees entitled to the Coronation bank holiday?

Are employees entitled to the Coronation bank holiday? Nicole Moscardini, Senior Solicitor in our Employment team, answers the question.

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