

## More for Lawyers - May 2023

Welcome to the May edition of More for Lawyers. This month's edition covers a range of subjects from construction and insolvency to personal injury and employment. It also links to important legislative updates in relation to the work of the Scottish Law Commission and the new Bankruptcy & Diligence (Scotland) Bill currently going through the Scottish Parliament. Finally, the bulletin provides details of our popular Summer of CPD webinar series in which our litigation and family law experts give a series of virtual talks throughout the summer on areas which we hope are relevant to your practices. The first webinar is on 6 June and I'd encourage you to sign up now so as not to miss out!

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#### Summer of CPD returns

We are pleased to announce the programme for our Summer of CPD webinar series.

Each webinar will provide 50 minutes of CPD and will be hosted by a variety of our litigation experts here at Morton Fraser.

Our webinars are free to attend and our programme will cover:

1. **Essential Employment Law** - Innes Clark and Alan Delaney - Tuesday 6 June at 11am. [Register here](#)
2. **English Family Law: What Scots Lawyers Need to Know** - Savita Sharma - Tuesday 20 June at 11am. [Register here](#)
3. **Commercial Case Law Update** - Richard McMeeken - Tuesday 18 July at 11am. [Register here](#)
4. **A Guide to Public Inquiries** - Jenny Dickson - Tuesday 22 August at 11am. [Register here](#)
5. **Pursuing Personal Injury Claims - The Importance of Trauma-Informed Practice** - Nicola Edgar - Tuesday 12 September at 11am. [Register here](#)

Please follow the registration links to find out more information about each webinar and to book your place.



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#### Protections against insolvency in construction contracts

With insolvencies expected to increase in the UK's construction industry this year, we are often asked what protections an Employer can put in place in their contract to assist in the event of their contractor going into insolvency.

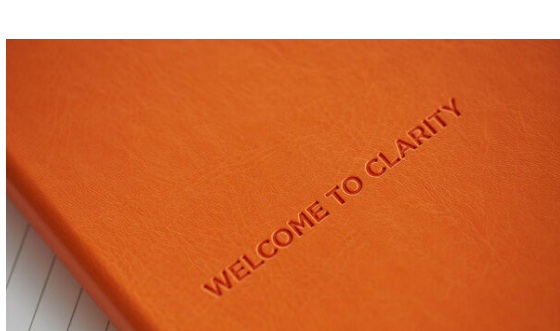
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#### Liability in Asbestos-related diseases: A case review

Jenny Dickson comments on the case of Watt and Others v Lend Lease Construction Ltd [2023] CSIH, which explores liability in asbestos related disease cases.

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#### Employment Law Reform timeline

This blog sets out the key legislative and case law decisions expected in 2023 and beyond and will be regularly updated throughout the year.

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#### Tacit relocation - how will reforms impact Scottish businesses?

After staff, the biggest overhead borne by most businesses is the property it occupies. More often than not, that property will be held on a commercial lease.

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#### Litigation updates

- The Scottish Law Commission have published their Annual Report 2022, which you can read [here](#).
- The Scottish Parliament have introduced the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill which introduces an enabling power to establish a mental health moratorium on debt recovery action, makes technical changes to the law on bankruptcy and updates the law on diligence. Further information can be found [here](#).
- The Law Society of Scotland have published some useful guidance on the remote swearing of affidavits and remote execution which is available on their [website](#).

#### Our Service

More for Lawyers is for our professional colleagues. Working in partnership with other law firms throughout Scotland we can ensure that our clients and theirs get the best possible service. Our focus is on litigation agency work in the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court and the All-Scotland Personal Injury Court. We also offer mediation services.

#### Areas of Expertise

We provide advice to clients on the following areas: contract disputes; company, partnership & shareholder disputes; insolvency; property & real estate; banking & finance; insurance; reparation & personal injury; and trusts & executory disputes.



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