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NEWSLETTER

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The importance of an employment contract review, before signing the dotted line

An employment contract sets out the terms by which an employee is employed and includes important terms like hours of work, pay rate and termination provisions. Signing your employment contract means that you agree to adhere to the terms that the contract sets out.



Natasha Duff
Senior Lawyer

In our recent article, we discussed the implications of the terms of your contract and the importance of having a lawyer review an employment contract before you sign it. Most people only consider their employment contract at the end of an employment relationship or when a dispute arises.

[Natasha Duff](#) (Senior Lawyer) and [Nicola Goodwin](#) (Law Clerk) discuss reasons to review your employment contract. You can read the article [here](#).

We offer a fixed fee single conference employment contract review (for employees).

Estate Litigation: Family Provision Applications brought by Grandchildren

A grandchild of a deceased person may potentially be eligible to make a Family Provision Application against the estate of a grandparent in every State and Territory of Australia except Tasmania.

The Court will consider the usual factors including whether adequate and proper provision has been made for the applicant; and the need of the applicant.

[Kathleen Watt](#) (Senior Lawyer) discusses the likelihood of success for such applications [here](#).



Kathleen Watt
Associate

Child Protection Litigation in Queensland

Queensland has established its first Director of Child Protection Litigation (DCPL).

The DCPL is an independent statutory agency established under the Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016 that will be responsible for making decisions relating to child protection in Queensland. Work by the DCPL will be based on the cornerstone principle that the safety, well-being and best interests of the child are paramount.

[Fiona Manderson](#) (Senior Associate) and [Nicola Goodwin](#) (Law Clerk) provide an update, which can be read [here](#).



Fiona Manderson
Senior Associate

My Off the Plan Unit is not what I expected...

In the purchase of an off-the-plan property, a Developer is obliged to notify a purchaser of substantial changes to specifics of the property, as represented in the Disclosure Document provided by the Developer.

These changes could include the size of rooms, the fittings in the bathroom, the brand of air-conditioning and the transformation of a residential building into a hotel. This was the predicament in the Supreme Court of Queensland case of [Gough & Ors v South Sky Investments Pty Ltd \[2012\] QCA 161](#). Importantly, you only have a limited time after further disclosure to seek to terminate the Contract if you believe you have been materially prejudiced by the changes.

[Jacques Nel](#) (Special Counsel) & [Lornagh Howarth](#) (Law Clerk) discuss this decision and lessons learned. You can access the article [here](#).



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