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## NEWSLETTER

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### New Extended Hours for Employment Law matters

Corney & Lind Lawyers are pleased to announce that we have extended hours for employment related advice.

As of 25 July 2016, we are now offering an **online** consultation with one of our employment lawyers. This online service is an initial consultation that can be conducted either via Skype or Zoom.

If you have difficulty in seeing an employment lawyer during usual business hours, our new extended hours allow for an early morning initial consultation or a Saturday morning meeting.

You can read more [here](#).



Natasha Duff  
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### Family Property Settlement: Busting the Trust

There is a conventional view that property held in a trust is 'untouchable' and cannot be the subject of division between separating spouses for the purpose of a property settlement at the end of their relationship. This may well be so in circumstances where the Trust is not 'the alter ego' (a second self or substitute) of one of the spouses and not subject to the control or influence of a spouse.

[Emario Welgampda](#) (Special Counsel) discusses discretionary family trust and increased family law powers that have enabled the Family Court to extend its reach to dealing with such Trusts. You can read the article [here](#).



Emario Welgampda  
Special Counsel

### Homemade Wills: Overcoming the curse

Homemade wills and 'will kits' appear to be uncomplicated and affordable alternatives to seeing a lawyer, but beware; they can end up being more disastrous than you might think.

Whilst there is no doubt that Will-makers know exactly what they intend to achieve when writing their will, the difficulty lies in the way the will is drafted. Many homemade wills end up in court with parties disputing their proper interpretation.

[Emario Welgampda](#) & [Nicola Goodwin](#) discuss the importance of Will drafting to ascertain the true intentions of the Will maker. You can read more [here](#).



Andrew Lind  
Director

### The importance of workplace policy training of your employees

It is of the utmost importance that when employers implement new workplace policies, that they provide sufficient notification of these changes to their employees. The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, that employees are aware of the new requirements and can implement them in their day to day work; and secondly, in the absence of such notification, an employee can raise their ignorance of a workplace policy as an objection to termination.

[Eduardo Cruz](#) (Senior Associate) & [Nicola Goodwin](#) (Law Clerk) discuss a recent decision of *Con Perry v ComfortDelGro Cabcharge Pty Ltd T/A Hillsbus Co Pty Ltd* to highlight the importance of this. You can access the article [here](#).



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