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## NEWSLETTER

24 March 2016

### New Commercial & Property Special Counsel

It is with great pleasure we announce the appointment of Mr Peter Bishop as Special Counsel. Peter commenced full-time with Corney & Lind Lawyers on 23 March 2016.

Peter is a senior practitioner having practiced law since 1999. He has been admitted to practice as a Solicitor in the Supreme Courts of New South Wales, Western Australia, Tasmania and Queensland.

Peter joins our Commercial unit providing advice in Commercial & Property matters, Not for Profit, Elder law, Native Title and Energy & Resource.



Peter Bishop  
Special Counsel

### BCIPA High Point Advice Conference from our Construction Lawyers

Specialist construction law advice relating to the Building & Construction Industry Payment Act (BCIPA) can save your business thousands of dollars in ensuring payment of progress claims pursuant to the terms of the relevant construction contract.

We are pleased to offer BCIPA High Point Advice conference for a fixed fee, which can benefit our clients.

[Jacques Nel](#) (Special Counsel) discusses what issues you can expect to be discussed during your [High Point Advice](#). You can access more information regarding the BCIPA [here](#).

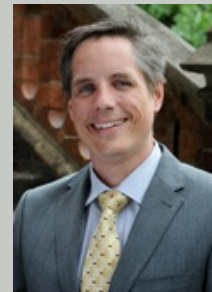


Jacques Nel  
Special Counsel

### One Punch Can Kill - Unlawful Striking Causing Death

The recent death of Cole Miller, an 18-year-old water polo player who was killed following a punch to his head in January 2016, has resulted in two Brisbane men being charged with Unlawful Striking Causing Death under s314A of the Criminal Code (Qld). The offence was introduced in 2014 under the Safe Night Out Legislation Act 2014 (Qld) following a string of deaths involving single punches. Unlawful striking causing death carries a minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment.

[Alistair Macpherson](#) (Director) and [Lornagh Howarth](#) (Law Clerk) discuss the legislation and issue around this topic. You can access the article [here](#).



Alistair Macpherson  
Director

### Why it is Essential to Register "Hire Assets" under the PPSA

The Western Australian case of [White v Spiers Earthworks Pty Ltd](#) serves as a warning for owners of valuable equipment to register their security interest on the [Personal Property Security Register](#) (PPSR). If you hire / lease assets to another company and fail to register your interest in those assets under the PPSR, those assets will end up in the hands of receivers if the lessee company falls into liquidation or administration. A comparison can be drawn to the New South Wales case of Maiden Civil (P&E) Pty Ltd (full citation and case summary available [here](#)).

[Andrew Lind](#) (Director), [Jacques Nel](#) (Special Counsel) and [Lornagh Howarth](#) (Law Clerk) discuss the lessons learnt from the above case regarding PPSA. You can access the article [here](#).



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