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NEWSLETTER

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Intellectual Property

A new grace period has been introduced for registered design applications

New legislative changes to the *Designs Act 2003* (Cth) could have a significant impact on those in the creative industries. Particularly, to name a few examples: fashion designers, furniture designers and jewellery and accessory designers

One change (which has yet to be implemented) following the release of the Productivity Commission Inquiry Report into Australia's current IP system (but was affirmed in the same report) is the introduction of a grace period for the filing of registered design applications.

[Lornagh Howarth](#) (Law Clerk) and [Eduardo Cruz](#) (Senior Associate) discuss the proposed changes in more detail [here](#).



Eduardo Cruz
Senior Associate

Commercial

As a small business, do you need to consider your terms and conditions?

The Australian Consumer Law ("ACL") seeks to protect consumers, businesses and the community in the promotion of fair trading.

Small businesses regularly enter into agreements for goods and services. The ACL provides protection against unfair contract terms in standard form contracts between small businesses and consumers. The law has now been extended that the protection against unfair terms also applies to standard form contracts between small businesses and other businesses



James Tan Associate

[Brooke Nickerson](#) (Law Clerk) and [James Tan](#) (Associate) discuss the complexities of unfair contract terms [here](#).

Criminal & Traffic

Helpful Tips for going to Court

Going to court is a scary experience, and the procedures are often hard to understand. We have a wealth of experience preparing clients for Court appearances with strategic legal advice and legal representation.

It's often hard to find a lawyer at short notice. To help you, we've put together some useful tips to prepare you for your first appearance in a Magistrates Court.

Read our Guide put together by [Aleesha Buckby](#) (Law Clerk) and [Matthew Shearing](#) (Lawyer). Click [here](#).



Matthew Shearing
Lawyer

Congratulations Lornagh Howarth!

Top of her class in Intellectual Property Law at Bond University

Congratulations Lornagh, one of our Law Clerks, who not only has been doing some new work for our Intellectual Property space on our website (the new article linked at the top of this newsletter) but also came first in her Intellectual Property Law class at Bond Uni, this semester.

Attempts are currently underway by her Professor for the publication of her Intellectual Property Law paper.

You can read more about Lornagh in her online profile [here](#).



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