



WELCOME 2021  
A new dawn

4 February 2021

We are into our second month and it looks different to this time last year. A January snap-lockdown, work from home continues, slow-but-sure return to business and the open-shut nature of borders. 2021 is off to an interesting start.

At Corney & Lind, we embrace the challenge and are working to serve you through the transitory period. We had a busy start and we share some of our initiatives in this newsletter.

## Articles



### Department of Home Affairs Breaches Privacy Act – A Lesson and Reminder

Earlier this month, the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (AOIC) determined and declared that the federal Department of Home Affairs (DHA) had breached the privacy of 9,258 individual asylum seekers living in various detention centres.

[Article available here](#)



### Three key changes to the QLD Criminal Code relating to sexual offences reform

The Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020 assented to Parliament on 14 September 2020. We summarise three key changes to the Code which have arisen from the amendments.

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### COVID-19 commercial leasing in practice - Landlord restrained from taking action against tenant

Many months have passed since the arrival of COVID-19. With this has come many changes and protocols once foreign to us; social distancing, contact tracing, and more. The legal sphere in Queensland has also seen changes. One such industry seeing changes is the commercial lease industry.

[Article available here](#)



### It's the effort that counts – isn't it?

Apparently, it's not the effort that counts when it comes to education and student achievement. A recent Supreme court decision highlighted this in finding that Universities are under no obligation to confer degrees on students merely because they put in a good effort and 'worked hard'.

[Article available here](#)

## Podcast



### Are you thinking of buying property in Queensland

Interested in real estate trends?

Directors Heilala Tabete and Eduardo Cruz talk to Sophie Foster, Digital Editor for Newscorp. Sophie writes for the real estate/property section and shares real estate insights and great property tips for both buyers and sellers.

**Be sure you don't miss an episode.**

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## 2021 Family Tree Webinars

### Webinar 1:

*Navigating the Family Law system as a mental health professional*

30 March 2021 - 12:30pm-1:30pm (Brisbane local time)

This webinar will discuss:

- General overview of the Family Law system
- Steps to take when you receive a subpoena
- How to prepare for cross examination

The content will be relevant to counsellors, psychologists, psychiatrists and pastoral care workers.

Presented by: [Barry Klopper](#), Senior Associate

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### Webinar 2:

*Supporting your congregation members during or pending a family law dispute.*

11 May 2021 - 12:30pm-1:30pm (Brisbane local time)

This webinar will discuss:

- General overview of the family law system
- Can a church be subpoenaed?
- Can a chaplain be subpoenaed?

The content will be relevant to pastors, chaplains, church employees and volunteers.

Presented by: [Fadzai Mamvura](#), Lawyer & [Miranda Reid](#), Accredited Mental Health Social Worker

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### Webinar 3:

*Educators supporting kids during family transition*

27 July 2021 - 12:30pm-1:30pm (Brisbane local time)

This webinar will discuss:

- General overview of the family law system
- Schools obligations in family law matters
- Subpoenas & schools

The content will be relevant to schools.

Presented by: [Melissa Zulch](#), Lawyer & [Miranda Reid](#), Accredited Mental Health Social Worker

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