



## More for Lawyers May 2021

Welcome to our May edition of More for Lawyers. As the summer starts I am delighted to be able to provide more details of our Summer of CPD webinar series which starts with me and my litigation partner Nicola Ross providing a commercial case law update next week. As lockdown is gradually eased, my corporate and restructuring partner, Alan Meek, discusses some key dates for directors to bear in mind and the bulletin also contains some interesting immigration and personal injury updates. I hope that you find all of this helpful and please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or our professional support lawyer Helen Bain should you or your clients require any advice or assistance in relation to the matters covered by this month's bulletin.



### Key Dates for Directors (and profit warning)



We are hopefully now beginning to move out of the various lockdowns and restrictions that have been put in place to deal with the pandemic.

As things begin to return to some form of "normality", businesses might begin to feel some sort of relief. However, the inevitable consequence of normality returning is that some of the temporary rules that have been put in place to assist businesses through these difficulties will fall away.

Author: Alan Meek

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### Changes to Right to Work checks

As lockdown begins to ease, the Home Office are reviewing a number of the concessions they have made over the last year concerning the effect of the Coronavirus on immigration. One of the most significant concessions that was made during the course of 2020, was the decision to [relax](#) right to work checks in light of the large number of employees working remotely.

The Home Office has now [announced](#) that this concession will be ending on 21 May 2021. From this date onwards, businesses will be expected to resume normal right to work checks which, in most cases, will require someone to see the original passport or biometric visa card.

Author: Stuart McWilliams

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### Covid-19 - the cause of an increase in work related injuries?



Employers face a ticking time bomb of personal injury claims by employers who have suffered injury while working from home during the pandemic, one of the UK's foremost experts in employee welfare has claimed.

Wendy Chalmers Mill, managing director of Stirling-based Positive Performance, said that those employers who have failed to conduct a full risk assessment of the conditions in which their staff are working at home could have to pay millions in compensation.

Author: Derek Couper

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### Employment Law Fact Card 2021/22

Our 2021/22 Employment Law Fact Card is now available. Our Fact Card is full of useful information for employers including disciplinary and redundancy checklists, Employment Tribunal award limits, family friendly leave entitlements and national minimum wage rates.

Whilst we are sending these out to our mailing list as normal we appreciate that due to the coronavirus situation you may not be at your place of work to receive it. With this in mind you can download and print our Fact Card by clicking Read More below.

Author: Innes Clark

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### Litigation updates for April and May

The following is a summary of some updates for February and March which might be of interest to those working in litigation in Scotland.

- The Scottish Civil Justice Council's April [Update Newsletter](#) gives information about latest news, Council Activity, New Rules, a committee business updates and appointments.
- The Scottish Law Commission published its [Spring 2021 e-bulletin](#) on 29 April 2021. The e-bulletin gives a summary of progress on law reform work and news.

#### More for Lawyers Summer of CDP Webinars

A reminder that our Summer of CDP Webinars start next week with a commercial case update from Morton Fraser's Richard McMeeken and Nicola Ross.

The webinars will provide 45 minute slots of CPD and will be hosted by a variety of Morton Fraser's litigation experts. We are also pleased to welcome two guest speakers, Kirsty Hood QC and Scott McAlpine, Advocate.

The webinars are open to firms with 10 or fewer partners and in-house lawyers and are free. You can find more details and sign up for any of the webinars which catch your eye by clicking on the links below:

- Thursday 20 May 2021 at 11am - Richard McMeeken and Nicola Ross - **A commercial case update**  
[Register here](#)
- Thursday 24 June 2021 at 11am - Dianne Millen and Scott McAlpine, Advocate - **Conducting Family Law Cases Virtually**  
[Register here](#)
- Thursday 22 July 2012 at 11am - Richard McMeeken and Kirsty Hood QC - **Common legal issues which arise in relation to contentious executry cases**  
[Register here](#)
- Thursday 19 August 2021 at 11am - Nicola Edgar and Derek Couper - **Personal Injury and Medical Negligence Law: recent developments and future prognosis**  
[Register here](#)
- Thursday 23 September 2021 at 11am - Morton Fraser's Planning Team - **Five hot topics in planning and environmental law**  
[Register here](#)
- Thursday 28 October 2021 at 11am - Innes Clark and David Hossack - **Essential employment law**  
[Register here](#)

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