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No	LITIGATION
1	<p><b>Australia</b> <b>ACCC pursues ByteCard in first unfair contract terms prosecution</b></p> <p>Hot on the heels of its recent report on the review of unfair contract terms, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has brought proceedings against ByteCard Pty Limited alleging a breach of the unfair contract terms provisions of the Consumer Law. The ACCC gave fair warning to businesses and has now demonstrated that they must take its stance on unfair contracts terms seriously.</p> <p><b>Author: Anne Freeman</b> (Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JRKZ51">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JRKZ51</a>)</p>
2	<p><b>Brazil</b> <b>Supreme Court limits liability for payment of social contribution taxes</b></p> <p>The Federal Supreme Court has issued two tax decisions that could produce significant benefits for Brazilian companies. First, the court ruled that two taxes - the social contribution to the employees' integration programme and the social contribution on revenues - cannot be charged on revenues from positive earnings on currency exchange rates. The second decision concerned the taxes applicable to import operations.</p> <p><b>Author: Guilherme Barranco</b> (Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JRKZ5R">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JRKZ5R</a>)</p>

<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Canada</b></p> <p><b>Federal Court of Appeal rules on liability of international air carriers</b></p> <p>In a recent decision the Federal Court of Appeal invoked the Montreal Convention, holding that passengers of international air carriers are not permitted to claim for damages or other remedies under domestic statutes if the harm arose in the course of international air travel. The court made clear that the limits on liability prescribed by the Montreal Convention bar claims made under domestic laws in virtually all cases.</p> <p><b>Author: Kathryn McCulloch</b></p> <p>(Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JRKZ6M">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JRKZ6M</a>)</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>United Kingdom</b></p> <p><b>Supreme Court sheds light on service of English proceedings abroad</b></p> <p>The Supreme Court recently considered the requirements for service of English proceedings abroad, particularly on prospective defendants based in a state that is not a member of one of the international conventions governing service of proceedings. The court set down a clear marker that the procedural rules governing service of English proceedings in those circumstances are to be given a purposive interpretation.</p> <p><b>Author: Jake Hardy</b></p> <p>(Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JRKZ7H">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JRKZ7H</a>)</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Australia</b></p> <p><b>ACCC landmark decision: disqualification under the Consumer Law</b></p> <p>The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has dedicated many of its resources to upholding the objective of making markets work for consumers. A recent case against Leslie Forsyth Stott was only the second time that the ACCC had successfully obtained an order from the Federal Court disqualifying an individual from managing a company. The case highlights the potential liability of directors.</p> <p><b>Author: Mitchell Coidan</b></p> <p>(Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JST3L7">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JST3L7</a>)</p>

<b>6</b>	<p><b>Ireland</b></p> <p><b>Consumers and the Brussels I Regulation</b></p> <p>A recent High Court decision is a useful recitation of the criteria that apply when considering whether an individual can claim to be a consumer for the purposes of the Brussels I Regulation in seeking to bring proceedings in a particular jurisdiction. Because an individual may act outside of his or her trade or profession in engaging a service, it does not necessarily mean that he or she is a consumer for these purposes.</p> <p><b>Author: Gearóid Carey</b> (Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JST3M3">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JST3M3</a>)</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>United Kingdom</b></p> <p><b>High Court considers non-party costs order on appeal</b></p> <p>The High Court recently gave judgment on an appeal against a master's costs decision involving a non-party costs order. The judgment is interesting for its comprehensive overview of non-party costs orders and its comments relating to the court's wide discretion as to costs in general. The decision is perhaps an example of the court's increasing appetite to encourage all parties to act in the most cost-effective manner possible.</p> <p><b>Author: Daniel Wyatt</b> (Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JST3NB">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JST3NB</a>)</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Cyprus</b></p> <p><b>Supreme Court argues for rehabilitation and reform of offenders</b></p> <p>A recent case before the Supreme Court concerned six appeals filed by six co-defendants against sentences imposed by the court of first instance in an indictment which contained a total of 20 charges of armed robbery. The Supreme Court reiterated that a court's duty when imposing a sentence should not be limited to punishment, but should also aim to encourage the rehabilitation and reform of the offender.</p> <p><b>Author: Marios Aristou</b> (Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JST3NB">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JST3NB</a>)</p>

<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>United Kingdom</b></p> <p><b>High Court rules South African subsidiary not domiciled in England</b></p> <p>A recent High Court judgment serves as a useful clarification of the meaning of 'central administration' in the context of a company's domicile for the purposes of the Brussels I Regulation, and specifically in relation to the court's approach where a company is registered abroad, but where there is influence by a parent company in England.</p> <p><b>Author: Katie Wright</b>  (Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JTXY2C">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JTXY2C</a>)</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Italy</b></p> <p><b>Milan Court of Appeal sheds further light on sovereign immunity</b></p> <p>Sovereign immunity is a fundamental principle of international law, providing that states are immune from jurisdiction in other states, save for where such immunity has been waived or otherwise limited. A recent decision of the Milan Court of Appeal has shed further light on the crucial issue of which party bears the burden to prove the elements giving rise to immunity.</p> <p><b>Authors: Claudio Perrella, Anna Masutti</b>  (Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JUX4S6">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JUX4S6</a>)</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>United Kingdom</b></p> <p><b>High Court decision acts as reminder to take care in settling disputes</b></p> <p>A recent High Court decision underlines the importance for lawyers of taking care when settling disputes. The court considered whether a binding settlement agreement had been made where the parties to a dispute concerning a commission payment had exchanged solicitors' letters agreeing to settle the dispute, but had been subsequently unable to agree the terms of formal settlement documentation to record their agreement.</p> <p><b>Authors: Alan Williams, Geraldine Elliott</b>  (Read article <a href="http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JUX4ST">http://www.internationallawoffice.com/?i=55592&amp;l=7JUX4ST</a>)</p>