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CEO Introduction

Nau mai, welcome to Your Legal Update. Winter is here yet again, and we hope you are keeping warm and well.

A primary goal of every business is to have an incredible team and workplace culture, is it not?! This issue not only showcases important updates, articles, and legal information, it also celebrates and acknowledges some of our people, and their contribution to the firm and wider Taranaki community.

We see each person at GQ for what they do and for how they enhance our ability to make a difference. From celebrating new leadership, to acknowledging long-service at the firm, to recognising the expertise of our senior legal executives, to fundraising for community causes, to welcoming new faces to the team. As a firm committed to building trusted relationships in the Taranaki community and providing an exceptional client experience – we're proud of our people. Please reach out to our team for your legal support.

Nga mihi,

Sophie Braggins



"Law and Medicine at first blush appear to be poles apart. But when we begin to examine these disciplines in more depth, we can see the interface between the two is larger than we might expect. By convening in this way, we are able to gain insight from both sides of the divide, leading to increased understanding of knotty and novel ethical issues, and in many cases practical solutions, examples, and advice from our colleagues."

– Ellie Wilson

Medico-Legal Discussion Evenings

The intersection of law and health can be a complex space, that's why GQ's Special Counsel Ellie Wilson, has created an opportunity for local professionals to openly discuss the multifaceted challenges together.

Events typically occur quarterly on a Thursday evening in the New Plymouth boardroom. These evenings are open to anyone interested in the ethical and practical considerations that arise between medicine and law.

Register your interest and join the conversation



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A 'Rich' new era for GQ



Govett Quilliam are proud to share the appointment of two new partners: Richard Lyttelton and Richard Williams, effective 1 June, 2023.

As a firm committed to growth and innovation, we are delighted to have these two talented individuals join the partnership, bringing with them a wealth of experience and expertise in their respective areas of the law, enhancing our ability to provide outstanding legal services to our clients and support to our communities as a firm. "Welcome Richard and Richard, one an inspiring athlete, one a talented musician, and both with extensive and impressive legal experience. It's an honour to have you both at the GQ leadership table and you will undoubtedly positively contribute to the culture, direction, and success of the firm."

- Sophie Braggins, CEO



Richard Lyttelton

Richard Lyttelton has been practicing Family Law for nearly 10 years. He joined the team at GQ in 2021 and has been leading the Family Law team since May 2022. Richard specialises primarily in complex relationship property, estate litigation and care of children matters. He is a Court-appointed Lawyer for Child and has appeared in the Family, District and High Court.

"Having worked in Auckland and London, moving to the Taranaki region is a breath of fresh air. The cases are of the same quality as in the larger cities, however I find clients to be far more down-to-earth than those in the 'big smoke'. At GQ, I have had the opportunity to advocate for people from all walks of life – from Legal Aid clients to those needing assistance with relationship property and estate matters involving complex farm and business structures.

GQ have invested time and expertise in myself and it has been great for my professional development to work with a group of lawyers of whom many are leaders in their field. We have a talented team of family lawyers here at GQ that can cater for all family-related advice from the cradle to the grave.

I am excited about joining the partnership at GQ. I have been managing the Family Law team for over a year now and will continue to grow and develop this area of our practice. Family Law is an exceptionally complex area of law and many are lost as to what to do when they separate or when a loved one passes away. I will continue to connect with clients and help them through what can often be the most difficult period of their lives. I am really proud to join the partnership, especially given the excellent partners already at the table and the reputation of GQ nation-wide.

I am really looking forward to having the opportunity to take on more complex cases and work with a broader range of clients, and well as mentor and guide the rest of our outstanding Family Law team. I am sure this will come with a range of opportunities and challenges. I am excited to further build my relationships with the community in the Taranaki region outside of GQ.

I hope to bring new ideas to the partnership to ensure GQ stays up to date with the latest legal trends and developments. In addition, I am looking forward to the Family Team continuing to be market leaders in our area."

- Richard Lyttelton



Richard Williams

Richard Williams has been practicing law for 18 years, kickstarting his career in a London corporate law firm before emigrating to New Zealand. After a stint in the big smoke, Richard made the move to Taranaki 13 years ago and has been here ever since. While new to GQ, joining in 2022, Richard has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and leadership in both his work and management of our Stratford team.

Outside of GQ Richard is an avid marathon and ultra-distance runner as well as a dedicated committee member of the Stratford Business Association and Junior Surf Convener and committee member at the Fitzroy Surf Lifesaving Club.

"It has been an incredible 8 months, with my appointment as a Partner being the icing on the cake. I am humbled by the confidence the partnership has shown in me and the unwavering support they have given me since joining.

I am extremely thankful for my whanau (Michelle and Zac), my team in Stratford, my loyal clients and the GQ crew as a whole. I am also really proud of the lawyer I've become; through hard work, overcoming challenges and my genuine desire to help others.

Managing a team of 10 permanent staff in our Stratford office

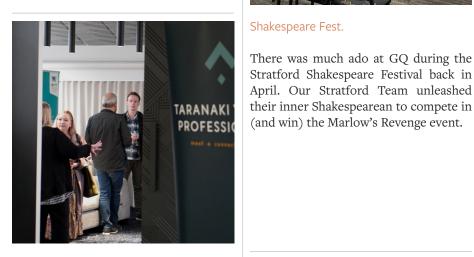
has been an incredible opportunity and one that I am relishing. The office is thriving, the client base continues to grow and the GQ brand extends its reach throughout the province.

What has drawn me to GQ as a firm and what I am particularly impressed by with the partnership, is the ability of the partners to effectively communicate and align their goals, objectives, and strategies and build a strong, unified partnership capable of overcoming obstacles and achieving shared success.

The firm is always looking to improve and innovate, seeking new ways to better serve its clients, enhance its offerings, and remain leaders in our fields. There is a sense of unity and purpose that drives everything we do as a firm, creating a shared vision and a common goal for us all to work towards. Put simply, we trust and respect each other and together, we are committed to our clients, our team, our community and the future of the firm."

- Richard Williams

GQ in the community



TYP & Get on Board

Wonderful to host the launch of this year's 'Get On Board' program run by The Bishop's Action Foundation (BAF), Taranaki Young Professionals (TYP) and The Wheelhouse, equipping people with governance skills and training. We are pleased to share Kristin Sadd and Sophie Powick are both partaking in this year's program.



Sporting support

We're passionate about backing the communities our team are passionate about. With such avid golf enthusiasts on board, we're pleased to be ongoing sponsors of the Inglewood Golf Course.

We're also proud to back Richard Williams and his role as Junior Surf Convener and committee member by sponsoring the Junior Fitzroy Surf Lifesaving Team with new competition vests earlier in the year.



The team got together for our annual Pink Ribbon Breakfast in May

It was wonderful to gather for breakfast to not only enjoy some kai together, but also to raise funds and show our support for Breast Cancer Foundation NZ and the extraordinary work they do for our wahine.





Taranaki Retreat & Waimanako

Wonderful to share a few laughs and show our support for the Waimanako Hope Centre and Taranaki Retreat, with team involvement in the Americarna Duck Race and Quiz night fundraising events this year.



GQ Stratford

The Stratford office has been a hive of activity these past few months, kick-started by our Autumn seminar series. Trusts, Relationship Property and Subdivisions were the hot topics, receiving an overwhelmingly positive response from attendees.

In June we connected with the Central Taranaki Young Farmers to chat all things legal in the farming world over a drink and some kai and we also hosted the Stratford Business Association's monthly BA5 event where local businesses came together to connect, network and share a laugh!



"It's been a privilege to open up the doors to our Stratford office. We are enjoying connecting with our Central Taranaki clients, local business professionals and the wider community and look forward to stepping into future opportunities to contribute to the local community and support its growth."

– Richard Williams

Congratulations, celebrations & welcomes



15 years of Kaye

10 years of Catherine

In March we celebrated Kaye McKenzie's official 15th anniversary with GQ. There have been many more years with Kaye around over the decades but none of us can quite remember exactly how many!

June marked 10 years of Catherine Grogan as part of the GQ team. Catherine's expertise, personality and professionalism is an invaluable asset to the Partnership, our Personal Planning team and firm as a whole.



Congratulations Sade

A sincere congratulations to Sade Sadd, who has been appointed as an Associate of the firm, effective 1 June 2023.

"Sade's promotion is testament to her hard work, talent and commitment to the firm and legal profession. Sade possesses a genuine passion for the law and advocating for her clients. Sade adds strength to our Resource Management and Māori legal services offerings and we are so excited to see her tackle new challenges and to build her leadership skills in her new role here at Govett Quilliam." - Lauren Wallace

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.

My success is not mine alone, it is the success of the collective.

As I take this opportunity to reflect, I feel grateful to many. I find it highly rewarding working in our Te Tira Hau Ture/ Māori legal team as well as our Resource Management team at a time when these legal landscapes are both changing and intersecting. I look forward to continuing to serve our GQ clients in a forward thinking environment where we keep people front and centre." – Sade Sadd



GQ's Senior Legal Executives

The role of Senior Legal Executive at GQ demonstrates and recognises the importance of not only experience, but practice development, mentorship, and contribution to the culture and reputation of the firm. We are fortunate to have several individuals who meet this criteria and would like to acknowledge Karen Wood, Sandy Ellice, Fleur Coombe and Margaret Steiner-Joyce - GQ's Senior Legal Executives.

These ladies have a combined total of 89 years of legal executive experience and 140 years of working at GQ, actioning vast amounts of client work in the area of conveyancing and personal planning during this time. We are beyond grateful for the hard work, talent and ongoing commitment these ladies dedicate to their clients, teams and the firm as a whole.



Congratulations Katrina

Congratulations Katrina Lyons on being admitted to the bar in June.

"I am excited to be entering into a profession where I can help clients achieve their goals, protect their interests, and assist with providing thoughtful and practical advice."



Welcome Greer

Originally from Hawera, Greer joins us as a registered legal executive in the GQ Property Team. Her expertise in the industry is a valuable asset to our team, and we're thrilled to have her on board.



Welcome Michlya

A warm welcome to Michyla How who joins the GQ team as a lawyer in our Personal Planning team, using her expertise in estate planning and asset protection to work on Wills, Trusts and Estates.



Welcome Julie-anne

Julie-anne Farrell (or 'Jules') has recently joined our client experience and administration team after relocating from Christchurch earlier in the year with her family.

Updates from our Corporate & Commercial Team



From left to right: Eason Chen (Law Clerk), Alice Tocher (Partner), Cam Hart (Associate), Bea Chamberlain (Senior Associate), Beth Seaver (Legal Executive), Helen Dymond (Senior Lawyer), Rochelle Farmer (Associate), Paul Franklin (Partner).

"Our team has been busy with commercial work from all aspects but some common themes we've seen this year are data protection, business succession, and multiple parties investing in business.

Our clients are becoming increasingly aware of the importance around privacy of personal information and general data protection. We have been working with clients to prepare appropriate privacy policies and ensuring they are following good practice.

Succession has been a hot topic with

many clients seeking advice as to how best manage this. Clients with retention of key employees at top of mind have sought advice for employee share schemes to set up their succession. Others that are looking to sell on an arms-length basis have sought advice on best practices within their business to enhance the business's appeal to potential outside buyers. We still see adherence to company law, good record keeping and ensuring you have secure contractual arrangements with employees, suppliers and clients having a positive effect on those looking to sell.



Exploring current and future issues and opportunities with our Port Taranaki clients

Clients looking to purchase shares or businesses have been ramping up and through the first half of 2023 we have been observing multiple parties go into business together. With this, we have been emphasising the importance of robust Shareholders' Agreements to mitigate risks and promote smooth operations at ownership level to ensure the focus stays on building the business for the future." – Cam Hart

As the commercial landscape evolves, so does our team and we're pleased to welcome Senior Lawyer Helen Dymond to the corporate and commercial team, having joined us from the big smoke and bringing with her extensive expertise across commercial contracting, corporate governance, IT, energy and intellectual property.

Additionally we are delighted to have Associate Bea Chamberlain return to the team with a fresh outlook and her valuable expertise, after spending some time in GQ's Personal Planning team. We're also thrilled to welcomed back Legal Executive Beth Seaver from her parental leave.



Commercial leases in New Zealand

Commercial lease agreements are contracts that define the relationship between the landlord and the tenant and sets out both parties' rights and obligations.

In New Zealand, there is no prescribed form of commercial lease, the parties are free to draft their own lease agreement tailored to their specific situation.

However, the Auckland District Law Society (ADLS) and the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ) provides a standard template of lease agreement and it is the most commonly used form of lease in New Zealand. The ADLS lease is a useful lease template for both the landlord and the tenant as it provides a set of terms and the option to add further terms in order to meet specific needs of the parties.

Please note that the Property Law Act 2007 implies rights and obligations into all form of leases.

Common commercial lease disputes

Even the best prepared contract can't prevent there being disputes

between landlords and tenants. In our experience the rent review process and the landlord's right to enter and repair, create the most procedural issues. It is important to understand the correct procedure behind them in order to avoid and manage conflicts effectively.

Rent review process

One of the most challenging and costly aspects of the relationship between a landlord and a tenant is the process of rent reviews. This is understandable since rent payments are usually an essential term of the agreement, with rent being the main source of income for the landlord and one of the tenant's major business expenses.

In the latest ADLS standard form lease (6th edition 2012), there is an express rent review provision under clause 2.1 titled "Market Rent Review". It is common for the landlord to initiate the rent review process as there is a ratchet clause which gives no benefit to the tenant in initiating such rent review. Landlords must give formal notice to the tenant specifying the proposed new annual rent. Such rent proposed is usually based on a fair

market valuation by a competent valuer. If the tenant disputes the proposed rent, then they will need to provide a formal written notice in response expressing their disagreement, along with their own rent proposal within 20 working days after the landlord's notice. Time is of the essence, meaning if you do not follow the strict timeframes required under the lease you may lose your rights to any protection the process gives you.

If the landlord and tenant cannot agree with the proposed rent within 10 working days, then such matter will either be determined by arbitration with one party giving notice or the parties agreeing to use registered expert valuers.

We recommend informal discussions before conducting the formal process.

Some landlords like to obtain a registered valuation - This will ultimately support any proposal that they make for the increase in rent. Be aware of the cost and the tension that may be created by the review being conducted badly.

Rights of repair and entry

With recent natural disasters, and increases in weather-related damage, the issue around landlord's rights to carry out repairs and maintenance has come to the forefront of the landlord-tenant relationship.

A landlord cannot enter their commercial premises without giving prior notice or obtaining permission to do so. Clause 15.1 of the ADLS lease provides the landlord and their employees or contractors the right to enter the premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of any repair works, after reasonable written notice has been given. What is reasonable will depend on the circumstances but be aware that the tenant is entitled to what is known as "The right to quiet enjoyment". It has been shown in case law that there is a need to balance the tenant's right to quiet enjoyment and the landlord's rights to repair and maintain in the lease, and neither of the rights are subordinate.

In order to avoid disputes, it is important for landlords to understand what actions would constitute a breach of the tenant's right to quiet enjoyment. For a breach of quiet enjoyment by the landlord, the tenant must prove on the facts that there has been a substantial disruption or interference caused by the landlord's work which prevented the tenant from enjoying the property for the purposes for which it was leased. Examples of qualifying acts could include the landlord cutting off the gas and electricity while completing work and interfering with the tenant's right to operate.

If the tenant is successful in establishing a breach, they will be entitled to a wide range of remedies such as damages for pecuniary loss and/or an injunction stopping the works.

Generally works that are outside of the tenant's premises are unlikely to breach the tenant's right of quiet enjoyment. While work done to common areas may breach the right if the works are noisy and percussive it is typically work done inside the tenant's premises that are better subject to dispute.

Before performing work on a commercial property, as a landlord it would be practical and prudent to consider:

- Whether the work would be mere interference or disturbance with convenience or amenities, which would not constitute a breach;
- Whether the work to be carried out is also for the benefit of the tenant;
- The cumulative effect of the works; and
- Any reasonable steps to be taken to minimise interruption or disturbance to the tenant.

It is recommended that before the commencement of the work, landlords should have an open dialogue with their tenant to discuss the work to be done and should keep the tenant informed at all times. Behaving in a professional and courteous manner towards the tenant will also ensure an ongoing healthy professional relationship.



Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Unfortunately, in the best of relationships there are sometimes disputes which need independent resolution, and it is essential for both parties to learn about the different Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods that are available.

ADR could be a good alternative as most parties in a litigation process are keen to resolve their disputes without the need to incur time, cost and stress associated with formal hearing processes. The most common ADR methods used are mediation and arbitration.

Mediation

Mediation is a voluntary process where a neutral third party, called a mediator, helps the parties in a dispute to reach a mutually acceptable settlement. The mediator does not make a decision or impose solutions on the parties, but rather helps the parties to communicate, identify their underlying interests and needs, and find a common ground.

Mediation is a creature of contract and does not have statutory basis, it depends solely on the contract and the parties willingness to get together and talk things through. The advantages of mediation are that the process is without prejudice and discussions at mediation are confidential. This means that the parties can freely discuss and debate their disputes without the fear of it becoming public or prejudicing their ultimate positions. The result of mediation however, can be legally enforceable if written agreement is reached between the parties.

In our experience, the appointment of the right mediator certainly helps in most instances.

Arbitration

Arbitration is a process where an independent third party makes a decision which is binding and enforceable on the parties. Arbitration in New Zealand is governed by the Arbitration Act 1996. The Act sets out the framework and mechanisms to support effective and consistent arbitral processes. The standard ADLS lease contains an arbitration clause which sets out how it is to work.

The advantages of arbitration is that it is quicker, more flexible and less costly than a formal Court hearing. Arbitration is also confidential, that means the public would not be able to attend a hearing, and the facts and the award of the arbitration will not be publicised. The arbitral award is enforceable through the Courts and the award is always sufficient to issue a statutory demand if enforcement is required.

In summary

- Be careful when reading and preparing your lease.
- Do not simply rely on the entitlements under the lease if the result will impact your tenant's commercial viability.
- Be careful when doing work in repair and entering the premises.
- Consider the best form of dispute resolution.

Our team is experienced in all aspects of commercial leases and can help you to successfully navigate through the process.

For further information or advice on commercial lease agreements or disputes, contact our Business & Commercial Law Team by calling (06) 768-3700, or send an email to email@gqlaw.nz





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Relationship property and trusts: A 'trust-busting' case

The recent Supreme Court decision of Sutton v Bell is the latest "trust-busting" case to be released.

It is an important reminder for people in, or contemplating a relationship, that a trust is not the most useful mechanism to protect assets that you have brought into the relationship. This case is yet another demonstration how a Contracting Out Agreement (or "pre-nup") is the best way to protect your assets going into a relationship.

Sutton v Bell

The facts of the case are quite simple. Mr Sutton met Ms Bell. They decided that they would live together and enter into a "de facto relationship", which is a relationship in the nature of a marriage. Mr Sutton owned a home in Point Chevalier in Auckland and wanted to protect this asset from any claim from Ms Bell. Ms Bell even encouraged him to do this. Mr Sutton sought legal advice and was told to transfer the Point Chevalier property into a trust, which he did shortly before the move-in date.

The relationship ended about eight

years later and after the couple had had two children. Under the Property (Relationships) Act 1976 ("the Act"), trust property is not considered to be relationship property. Nevertheless, Ms Bell utilised one of the "trust-busting" mechanisms to claim a half-share in the Point Chevalier home. Ms Bell made a claim under Section 44 of the Act, claiming that Mr Sutton disposed of the future family home into a trust in order to defeat any claim or rights that she may have against it.

The case worked its way through the Family Court, High Court and Court of Appeal before reaching our highest Court, the Supreme Court. The key question was whether a disposition of the Point Chevalier into a trust prior to the relationship allowed for Ms Bell to make a claim under Section 44.

Mr Sutton argued that he could not have intended to defeat Ms Bell's rights as Ms Bell had no rights with respect to the Point Chevalier home at the time it was transferred to the trust. The family home is normally equally shared between a couple, no matter how it is acquired, provided they have been in a de facto relationship for three years (though exceptions do exist to this "rule of thumb"). Mr Sutton and Ms Bell were not yet living together when the transfer was made.

Ms Bell said no, that the transfer of the Point Chevalier was made in anticipation of the relationship and therefore it should be covered by Section 44.

The Supreme Court found that because the transfer of the Point Chevalier was made in contemplation of the de facto relationship, that it fell within the scope of Section 44. The Court was persuaded by the fact that there was the ability to enter into a Contracting Out Agreement (aka "pre-nup") with the mandatory benefit of legal advice. Mr Sutton did not take this step. If people were to be able to simply transfer property into a trust in contemplation of a relationship, it would defeat the purpose of Contracting Out Agreements and the need for both parties to obtain independent legal advice. It is important that parties to a relationship know what their legal rights and obligations are with respect to relationship property.

The Supreme Court ordered the trustees of Mr Sutton's trust to transfer the property in half shares to Mr Sutton and Ms Bell. It would then be subject to the ordinary equal-sharing principles.

An interesting comment made by the Supreme Court was that, once a couple mutually contemplates living together, a de facto relationship may have already come into existence. While the ramifications of this comment are not yet known, it is important that people seek legal advice at an early juncture from a relationship property expert. This is so that they can make an informed decision around asset protection. Had Ms Bell's claim under Section 44 not been successful, she may have had other remedies such as claiming a constructive trust over the Point Chevalier property.

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Protecting assets in a Trust vs a Contracting Out Agreement

It is becoming easier and easier to "trust bust" and people should not take the fact that their assets are in trust as meaning that they are completely protected against claims from their spouse or partner. The key reminder in Sutton v Bell is that your best protection is a Contracting Out Agreement.

For further information or advice on relationship property or contracting out agreements, contact our Family Law Team by calling (o6) 768-3700, or send an email to email@gqlaw.nz

De-Facto Property Rights







This booklet covers:

- What a de facto relationship is
- What property gets shared equally
- Relationship debts
- Contracting out agreements
- Rights if a partner dies
- Commonly asked questions



How is relationship property divided when a polyamorous relationship ends?

The recent Supreme Court decision of Mead v Paul [2023] NZSC 70 concerns the novel issue of how to treat polyamorous relationships under the Property (Relationships) Act 1976 ("the PRA"). Relationships have evolved considerably in the last fifty years from "coupledom" and polyamorous relationships are on the rise. A key tension in this case is that the PRA has not kept up with that social change.

The PRA is the governing legislation which applies to property when a relationship between married, civil union, or de facto couples ends in separation or death. The PRA only applies to qualifying relationships, except in some limited circumstances. The PRA clearly defines what a qualifying relationship is given the significant consequences for property which naturally follow. A qualifying de facto relationship is defined as one between two people aged 18 years or over and who are living together as a couple. Parliament arguably made its intention clear with the deliberate and express use of the words "two people" and "couple".

Many might believe that the deliberate use of these words denotes a clear intention by Parliament for the PRA to only apply to monogamous relationships. Despite this, the Supreme Court has now issued a majority decision in Mead v Paul extending the definition of a de facto relationship to polyamorous relationships.

This landmark case concerns three individuals who were in a polyamorous relationship. Between 1999 and 2000, Fiona Mead formed a relationship with Lilach Paul and Brett Paul, a married couple. Fiona then purchased a fourhectare farm in her name shortly after the polyamorous relationship began. The parties lived there together for 15 years. This high-value property was in dispute once the parties separated. The principal issue was: does the PRA govern the relationship property rights of polyamorous couples?

The Supreme Court has answered in the affirmative. In reaching this conclusion, the majority reasoned that a polyamorous relationship could be subdivided into two or more qualifying relationships and therefore the PRA could apply. In summary, a de facto relationship does not need to be exclusive to qualify under the PRA.

It begs the question: how can the PRA be stretched to apply to polyamorous

relationships when it was so clearly drafted to apply to couples? Two out of the five Supreme Court Justices disagreed that the PRA should extend to throuples. Justices Susan Glazebrook and Ellen France dissented from the majority, observing:

"We are concerned at the artificiality of treating the parties' relationship as subdivisible in order to be able to qualify under the Property (Relationships) Act 1976"

"...we consider the practical ramifications of applying the Act, which is premised on coupledom, to the parties' polyamorous relationship are such that it should be left to Parliament to decide whether to extend the Act and how to address the practical issues arising from an extension."

The minority considered that the practical difficulties associated with applying the PRA to polyamorous relationships were such that the matter should be left for Parliament. This is a sound approach given the potential for further polyamorous cases to involve additional complexities such as multiple properties.

The key takeaway from this case is that if you are in a polyamorous relationship, the PRA may apply to how your property is divided when the relationship ends. The ramifications of this decision may appear trivial at first blush, but in a modern and progressive society there is scope for this decision to have far-reaching consequences.

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