

# **Duty of care owed for gratuitous services given to friends**

A person owes a duty of care when doing work for free to do it to a standard which accords with the expertise they claim to have, even where the work is being done for their friends.

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# **No order for DSAR compliance where not reasonable or proportionate**

The courts will not enforce compliance with a data subject access request (also referred to as a DSAR) where compliance would not be reasonable or the search would require disproportionate effort.

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# **Constructive dismissal inapplicable to multi-party LLP agreements**

The High Court has made a significant decision which will prevent exiting members of an LLP from avoiding restrictive

covenants by alleging they had resigned in response to the employer's breach of contract.

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## **US company prevented from suing UK worker in US court**

An injunction has been granted to require that a company withdraw its motions in a Massachusetts court against an employee domiciled in the UK.

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## **Court tailors interim injunction to reduce client impact**

An employer has been granted an interim injunction restraining its former employees' use of confidential information and intellectual property at a competitor. However, it has limited those restraints so as not to cause harm to a customer.

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## **Court jails litigants for**

# contempt of court

Custodial sentences of 12 months and 20 months have been passed down in respect of two parties who were found to be in contempt of court.

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## Court refuses musicians specific performance of their contracts

Musicians in a play at the National Theatre made an application to the High Court for specific performance of their contracts (i.e. that the High Court should make an order that they be reinstated rather than simply get damages) after their dismissals following a decision that their performances would be replaced by recorded music. The High Court refused to grant the application because such orders should only be granted in exceptional cases and on this occasion, the musicians' interests would be adequately protected by damages.