

APLA Exchange

Lariam (Mefloquine) (anti-malarial) used during pregnancy

We represent a young child whose mother used Lariam during a period immediately before and after conception when she travelled to Bali. We would be pleased to hear from any APLA member who has knowledge or experience in an area which may connect Lariam use with hearing loss.

Please contact **Phillip Scroope** of Keddiess Solicitors, Level 9/299 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW, **phone** 02 9264 9722, **fax** 02 9264 9443

Octopus Strap

We represent a person who lost the sight of one eye subsequent to an octopus strap being stretched and the hook at the end of the strap bending resulting in the hook striking our client in the eye.

If any member of APLA has prosecuted an action against the manufacturer/distributors of the straps we would be pleased to discuss our client's claim with them.

Please contact: **Gerard Murphy**, McCowans Solicitors, **phone** 07 5531 4444, **fax** 07 5531 3999, **e-mail** mcowans@themis.com.au

Laser Eye Surgery

Does any member have information concerning a specialist in laser eye surgery (optometrist or corneal specialist), particularly relating to procedures formed on hypermetropia, to provide expert evidence concerning advice to patients prior to procedure occurring, undertaking procedure where a high hypermetropia script is apparent and procedure undertaken during operation.

Please contact **Keith Hunter**, Keith J Hunter & Associates Solicitors, PO Box 977, Southport Qld, 4215, **phone** 07 5532 5222, **fax** 07 5591 6508

History of Disability Assessment

As a Neurologist of a very large medico-legal practice, I am interested in further researching the area of Disability Assessment in Australia. I am interested in looking at the history of the development of compensation in areas such as Veterans Affairs, Comcare and the different Workers Compensation Authorities in relevant states.

If you have any relevant papers in this regard could you please send your information to **Dr G M Boyce**, Neurologist, fax 1800 617 730 or post to PO Box 5020, Cairns, 4870.

Faulty Electrical Appliances

Is anyone aware of an expert who can give evidence in relation to a person suffering an electric shock from an iron which after testing showed no apparent fault? We would prefer someone in Queensland.

Please contact **Glenn Ferguson**, Ferguson Cannon Lawyers on **phone** (07) 5443 6600 **fax** (07) 5443 8806

Adoption under duress

We have been consulted by a client who gave up a child for adoption in 1971 after she was subjected to some pressure and duress. Could members please advise whether they have been approached by women in similar circumstances and whether they propose to take any action on their behalf. We note that the Standing Committee on Social Issue of the Legislative Council is currently carrying out an inquiry into past adoption practices and this may have resulted in women coming forward.

Please contact **Robert Foggo** of Baker Love on **phone** 02 4926 1211.

Unaffixed stoves

We represent a child who was injured in an accident whereby he placed weight on the front door of a free standing stove. As a result, the stove tipped and the boiling saucepans on top of the stove burned our client. The manufacturers of the stove have no warnings placed in their instruction booklet. Has any member conducted a similar claim, or have any resource materials which may be of assistance?

Please contact **K M Splatt & Associates**, PO Box 826, Spring Hill, Brisbane 4004, **phone** 07 3216 1222, **fax** 07 3216 1333

Work in Australia

Experienced United States attorney, licensed in two states: California and Washington, member of American Trial Lawyer's Assoc. and Washington State Trial Lawyer's Assoc., available to associate with Australian attorneys. Willing to explore opportunities including permanent/temporary relocation and to discuss possible job exchange. Former member of Australian Professional Golfers Association. (1987-1988.)

Please contact **Ed Harper**, Olmsted Gibbs & Harper, 705 Second Ave., #610 Seattle Washington 98104, USA, **e-mail** oghlawfirm@aol.com

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Riding Accidents

Is anyone aware of any expert who can give evidence in relation to the standards, safety etc of horse riding schools, particularly in relation to young children attending horse-riding lessons? We would prefer someone in Queensland.

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If you would like to submit a request to **APLA Exchange**, contact **Jane Staley** at APLA on **phone** 02 9261 5277