

TROLLEY ACCIDENT

We act on behalf of a lady whose daughter was injured when the shopping trolley in which the child was seated unexpectedly tipped over sideways. The accident occurred in one of the aisles between shelves at a local discount store. At the same time as the mother reached towards a top shelf to grab an item she had selected, her little daughter had also reached across to a lower shelf to grab something that had taken her fancy. At all times, the child remained properly seated. We would like to hear from any members who have been involved in litigation about similar accidents.

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BRAIN DAMAGE FROM MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

We act for a Plaintiff who sustained brain damage in a single vehicle motorcycle accident during the course of his employment. We may require the services of a suitably qualified expert in accident reconstruction, with particular reference to motorcycles and motorcycle accidents. We would appreciate hearing from any member, with either the appropriate expertise, or who can provide us with a referral.

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KAWASAKI MOTOR CYCLE

I would be pleased to hear from anyone about any complaints made about the steering/front suspension of Kawasaki Vulcan Nomad Motor Cycle model number VN1500.

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PERITONITIS EXPERTISE

We represent a gentleman who attended a provincial hospital suffering extreme pain in his abdomen. He was diagnosed as either having Renal Colic or as having a classic case of Appendicitis. He was admitted for observation, however the pain continued to increase over a period of approximately six hours, to the extent where the responsible Doctor felt that it was Appendicitis and that he would have to be transferred to a larger hospital where theatre facilities were sufficient to perform an operation. He was transferred at 1:30am and arrived at the larger hospital at approximately 3am. Prior to arriving at the larger hospital the pain reached a crescendo and then levelled off to a dull ache upon arrival. Upon arrival the treating doctor was queried as to whether the appendix may have burst and he replied "No, but they were to keep him under observation and if the pain got worse they would operate." During the course of the day his temperature was taken on a number of occasions by nursing staff, however it was not until 10:30pm that evening, some nineteen hours following admission that an open appendicectomy was performed whereupon they found a gangrenous perforated appendix. Following the operation our client had a lengthy period of recuperation during which a further operation had to be performed involving removal of a large part of his bowel. As we understand the situation, intense pain in the abdomen which reaches a crescendo and then dissipates is a classic symptom of Peritonitis. We would appreciate hearing from any members who are aware of similar cases or the name of any Specialist Surgeons prepared to provide a medico-legal report. It is often difficult to find Specialists prepared to give such reports in a provincial town.

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19-25 November 2000

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National Convention Centre, Canberra
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26-28 November 2000

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Sheraton Hotel, Brisbane
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