

EPILEPSY CASES

We act on behalf of two workers who both developed epilepsy, a possible common link being the exposure to heavy-duty degreasers. If anyone has or has had a similar action could you please contact me.

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FIRE IN FORD COURIER CREW CAB

I act for plaintiffs who sustained injuries as a result of a fire developing in the engine of a Ford Courier Crew Cab vehicle that was manufactured in Japan in or about October 1994. There was an incident of a fire developing in the engine and then repair work carried out to the vehicle. A second fire caused the plaintiffs' injuries. It is alleged that the fires were caused by coolant entering the oil sump that caused:

1. The operating temperature of the engine to increase;
2. The boiling of sump fluids;
3. Increased pressure within the sump and sump crank case; and then
4. Oil or oil vapour to escape and discharge via the dipstick or the dipstick opening onto the hot exhaust manifold where ignition occurred.

I would appreciate hearing from any members who have or have had a similar case against the manufacturer or repairer of this type of vehicle - particularly in relation to expert evidence.

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FAILURE TO WARN

We act for a worker who fell from a steep roof. Failure to warn and failure to wear suitable footwear are relevant issues. We would be interested to hear from anyone who has acted in a similar case.

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EXPERT OPINION ON ELECTROCUTION

We have a female client aged 36 years who was electrocuted. She complains of weight gain, headache, weak bladder, fatigue, insomnia, irritability, depression, listlessness, panic attacks, chest pain/breathlessness, muscle spasm, dry scalp, disturbed menstrual cycle, pins and needles in her feet and lack of concentration. She has been seen by many neurologists and psychiatrists/psychologists who are all unable to give a definitive medical opinion/diagnosis. Does anyone know of an appropriately qualified expert? Thank you for your assistance.

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FOOT DROP AFTER ANGIOGRAM

I am acting for a plaintiff who developed right sided weakness and foot drop following a cerebral angiogram (performed to investigate a previous aneurism) and I would be interested to speak to anyone who has acted for a plaintiff in a similar case or who knows of a similar case.

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APLA diary 2001-02

3 October 2001

QLD Litigation at Sunrise

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VIC Litigation at Sunrise

Topic: Repeat of WorkCover Workshop 18/7
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NSW Litigation at Sunset

Topic: Costs in practice
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19 October 2001

December Plaintiff deadline

Theme: Mass Tort Litigation
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25-28 October 2001

APLA National Conference

Hyatt Regency Coolum
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14 November 2001

VIC Litigation at Sunrise

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15 November 2001

NSW Litigation at Sunset

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10 December 2001

February Plaintiff deadline

Theme: Technology in Practice
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8-9 February 2002

Queensland Branch Conference 2002

Novotel Twin Waters Resort
Sunshine Coast, QLD

15-16 March 2002

NSW Branch Conference 2002

Manly Pacific Parkroyal
Manly, NSW

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