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Letter from the Chair

Written by: Caroline Berube - HJM Asia Law & Co LLC (Singapore & Guangzhou, China)

As the Chair of the Asia Pacific Region for Primerus, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Primerus Asia Pacific Newsletter.

We are in a difficult situation right now - globally. The novel coronavirus has claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and cost the world economy billions in financial losses. People are losing their jobs or are forced to accept pay cuts. Some companies must stop doing business because of state-mandated temporary closures to force the public to stay home. Even the legal profession is not spared as business shutdowns affect the flow of work. No one could have imagined that a virus can wreck so much of the world in the 21st century.

How will COVID-19 change the legal industry after this pandemic is over? Experts say that this will propel the practice of law into the digital age as more legal practitioners and service providers will work from home and move towards workflow automation. As of now, we are at a wait-and-see situation as we observe how the world will transform post-corona.

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Must-Knows for Businesses in Taiwan: Enforcement Rules of the Labor Incident Act

by Jia-Wei Chao – Formosan Brothers Attorneys at Law (Taipei, Taiwan)

The Labor Incident Act (hereinafter the “Act”) was implemented on January 1, 2020. As a specialized law of the Taiwan Code of Civil Procedure where labor incidents occupy a large part of civil litigations, the implementation of the Act certainly impacted many pending labor-related cases.

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The Variable Capital Company: an answer to Singapore's fund management Sector?

by HJM Asia Law & Co LLC (Singapore & Guangzhou, China)

On January 14th, 2020 the Variable Capital Companies Act 2018 was passed into Singapore law[1]. The creation of the Variable Capital Company (which shall be referred to as the “VCC”) represents Singapore’s efforts to boost its fund management industry by providing a fund-friendly legal entity.

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Whistling at Work

by Selwyn Black – Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers (Sydney, Australia)

Whistleblowers are receiving more protection by law. Organisations should take note of the recent legislative changes and take action to address the changes.

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China's Fourth Amendment of the Trademark Law Come Into Force in November of 2019

by Edward Sun and April Yang – Hengtai Law Offices (Shanghai, China)

The fourth amendment of the Trademark Law of the People's Republic of China was passed by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on April 23, 2019 and the Amendments come into force from November 1, 2019.

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Employee's rights to claim against the employer for Novel Coronavirus infection

by Christine Wong – ONC Lawyers (Hong Kong)

With the number of infections and death toll climbing in mainland China and Hong Kong, as well as over the globe, the Novel Coronavirus is turning into a major global public health crisis.

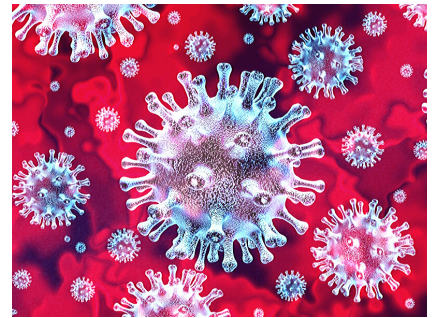
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What Australian Employers must be aware of in the Coronavirus pandemic

by Murry Thornhill and Gemma Wheeler-Carver – HHG Legal Group (Perth, Australia)

With the world's human resources landscape exponentially changing over the last few weeks, it has become evident that the first responsibilities an employer should be considering is that they must, as far as practicable, provide and maintain a working environment in which their employees are not exposed to hazards.

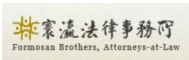
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Formosan Brothers' Dah-In Yeh, Yvonne Lin, and Li-Pu Lee named to Asia Business Law Journal's Taiwan's Top 100 Lawyers 2019

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Doing Business in the Asia Pacific Region Guide

We have assembled a helpful guide for executives and business owners to understand common issues when doing business in various countries in the Asia Pacific Region. [Click here to read.](#)

COVID-19 Updates

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