



LABOUR LAW SEMINAR

Developments in Employment Contract Law

A number of significant recent decisions have stretched the capacity for dismissed employees to seek substantial compensation for breach of an employment contract. This seminar will consider the implications arising from the Federal Court's decisions in *Walker v Citigroup Global Markets Australia Pty Ltd* [2006] FCAFC 101 and *Nikolich v Goldman Sachs J B Were Services Pty Ltd* [2006] FCA 784, and also the decision of Rothman J in the NSW Supreme Court in *Russell v Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Sydney* [2007] NSWCA 104. This last case has invigorated hopes for the development of the elusive obligation of 'mutual trust and confidence' in Australian employment law.

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A light lunch will be served