



WHISTLEBLOWING – what is it, who does it, when is it lawful, when is it mandatory?

DATE: Wednesday 25 March 2020
TIME: 5.00pm – 6.30pm
PLACE: Court Room 1, Level 21,
 Law Courts Building,
 Queens Square, Sydney

The *Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protection) Act 2019* has focused attention on what was already a subject of much interest, importance and discussion. The Act amends the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Tax Administration Act 1953* to permit and protect disclosures and protect disclosers, in the areas that they cover. But the topic is broader, for example:

- What are the relevant principles of the general law relevant to whistleblowing?
- What if the facts disclosed by the whistleblower turn out to be incorrect?
- Does the discloser's motivation matter, eg a disgruntled employee or a trade competitor?
- Are journalists in a special position – should they be?
- In what circumstances **must** an employee or associate of a taxpayer disclose to the Commissioner of Taxation that tax is being evaded?

The panellists have a special interest in the subject and will speak on these and other questions.

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Chair

The Hon Justice Julie Ward

Chief Judge in Equity, Supreme Court of New South Wales.

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