



FARE COMMENT

CASE WATCH

This time, we thought you may be more interested in a case we argued recently in the Magistrates Court.

Cab Driver X was charged with fail to wear seatbelt. X was coming out of the airport feeder, when he was spotted by a police car. Police alleged that X did not have his seatbelt fastened, and said they saw him pulling at something over his shoulder.

Our friendly driver stood to lose quite a bit. He had no points, and had already applied for an SHO in the last 5 years. This would have meant a lengthy holiday if he lost.

We told X that he faced an uphill battle in attempting to water down the word of Police.

However, perseverance paid off, and we succeeded. Skilful cross-examination of the police by Robert resulted in fatal holes in the police case. This led to reasonable doubt on the part of the magistrate, who acquitted our driver.

In such cases, it shows that representation in court can make all the difference!

The Latest

Drivers and operators alike are reminded that the accumulation of 12 demerit points is not the end of your licence.

There is still the good behaviour licence for a period of 12 months.

If more points are accumulated in this period, a Special Hardship Order can be applied for, subject to conditions being satisfied. For further information & advice, please contact Robert at rb lawyers.

INSURANCE COLUMNS

In these days of emails, internet and so on, we are finding more and more that insurers are carrying out “desk-top” assessments of claims.

What is a “desk-top”? In the good old days, the assessor would visually inspect the vehicle before or after repair.

These days, the assessment will often occur after the assessor reviews (emailed) photos of the damaged car.

So we are now recommending that for all claims, we receive photos of the damaged car, in order to streamline the claim process.

Please check out our website at www.rblawyers.com.au for useful information on dealing with insurers!

FUNNY:

*A lawyer and a snake both got hit by cars. What's the difference?
The snake had skid marks in front!*



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