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Hi,

A lot can change in two months... Since our last edition, the general election has taken place, resulting in a significant Labour majority. Businesses will be keeping an eye on Labour's promised changes. Amongst other things, Labour's manifesto promises a "pro-business environment, with a competition and regulatory framework, that supports innovation, investment and high-quality jobs" along with the reform of the planning and procurement rules to facilitate growth.

First out of the blocks seems likely to be the pledge to introduce legislation to implement its 'Plan to Make Work Pay' within 100 days of entering government. At the time of writing, we are yet to see which other elements of Labour's proposed industrial strategy will be prioritised, but given the significant and wide-ranging changes signalled across almost all industry sectors, there are likely to be significant opportunities (and risks) ahead and organisations and individuals will need to move swiftly to adapt. Once we have more details on the proposals and their timeframes, we will, of course, keep you updated.

Also, in this summer which, despite the weather, seems more than usually packed with sporting events, in the brief lull between the excitements/stresses of Euro 2024 & Wimbledon on the one hand and the start of the Paris Olympics on the other (not to mention the ongoing cycling, cricket, golf, rugby, darts, etc. and imminent resumption of F1 after a short summer break) we have two specifically sport focussed articles. First is an update on the tricky interaction between Competition law and the economics of sport, particularly in the light of recent European case law and Manchester City's ongoing legal battles with the Premier League. Second, continuing the football theme, we also have an article on the important tax obligations on football clubs, agents and players (with new HMRC rules complementing the new FA Football Agent Regulations which came in earlier this year).

This is all on top of our usual broad sweep of other articles in this edition, with plenty of other content from our Commercial, Commercial & Regulatory Disputes, Competition and Employment teams.

If there is a particular topic that you'd like us to cover in the future, please do get in touch via the link at the bottom of the email.

I hope you enjoy July's edition!

Noel Beale,



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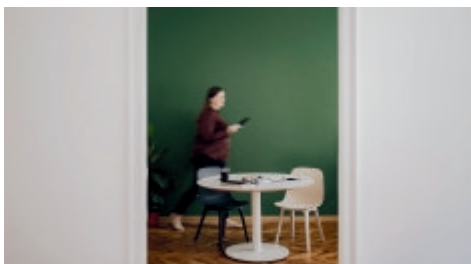
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We hope to see you there

Michelmores 5k Charity Run Exeter

Date:

Thursday 12
September

This year's
Michelmores 5k
Charity run is taking
place at Exeter's
buzzing Quayside!

Join together with
colleagues to
represent your
business – or run solo
– to support a
fantastic charity and
be in with a chance to
be crowned champion
of the business
community.

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Employment Masterclass London

Date:

Thursday 19
September

Join us for our next
Employment
Masterclass, tailor-
made for HR
professionals,
business leaders and
legal experts.

Our latest update will
explore the intricacies
of redundancy,
restrictive covenants
and data protection
risks.

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Michelmores Cycle & Running Club Bristol

Date:

Friday 20 September

The Michelmores
Cycle Club was
established to provide
inclusive, friendly and
safe networking
opportunities for like-
minded bike
enthusiasts.

The Cycle Club meets
once a month in
Exeter and Bristol.
London will be hosting
a few cycle & run
events throughout the
year.

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