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Civil Liability and Vaccinations – A Work in Progress

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ABSTRACT

Since their widespread introduction in the early 20th Century, vaccinations have saved millions of lives worldwide, and have near to eradicated some diseases in several countries.[1] Vaccination in Australia, although not mandatory, is strongly and actively encouraged through pervasive education campaigns, financial incentives and administrative requirements. Despite this, approximately 10 per cent of children in Australia are not fully vaccinated against vaccine preventable diseases[2] and every year thousands of Australians are infected with one of these diseases.

BIOGRAPHY

NIKKI BROMBERGER

Nikki joined the faculty of Western Sydney University, School of Law in 2007 where she is the School of Law First Year Advisor. Nikki has taught throughout a large spectrum of university law courses (including criminal law, introduction to law, public health law, health and medical law, introduction to business law) but her main teaching and research focus is in the law of torts. Prior to commencing her role at Western Sydney University she was a solicitor at Minter Ellison Lawyers, and lectured at UNSW and USYD for many years.

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PROFESSOR CAROLYN SAPPIDEEN

Professor Carolyn Sappideen joined UWS School of Law in 1996. She was Chair of the School of Law, University of Western Sydney for the period 1998 to 2006. In 2007 she resumed the position as Professor of Law. Her main area of expertise is Torts Law but has research interests and expertise also in Property Law, Electricity and Employment Law. She has a special interest in Elder Law. The School introduced the first elective in Elder Law in Australia in 1999. This has formed the basis of a growing expertise in Elder Law in which the School provides consultancy, training and research. She is the co-editor with Prof Prue Vines of the 10th edition of Fleming The Law of Torts and co-author of Torts Commentary and Materials which is now in its 12th edition. She is the foundation author of Mackens Law of Employment from the 1st edition in 1978 to the current 8th edition in 2016.