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Sexual assault in the workplace

A municipal worker resigned after sexual assault by her supervisor, and sued the municipality. The municipality denied that the supervisor had acted in the course and scope of his employment, as was required for vicarious liability. However, when the connection between the deviant conduct and the employment was considered, it became clear that the municipality had, by placing the supervisor in a position of trust and authority over the worker, forged the required causal link between the supervisor's position and the wrongful act. *PE v Ikwezi Municipality and Another* 2016 (5) SA 114 (ECG)

The right to housing and informal settlements

Despite 20 years of promises, the city failed to implement a government upgrading policy in an informal settlement, and instead wanted to relocate the residents. This conduct was unlawful and unreasonable, and the city was accordingly directed to proceed with the upgrade. *Melani And Others v Johannesburg City and Others* 2016 (5) SA 67 (GJ)

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A homeowners association suspended a member's access cards and biometric access to the housing estate, pending payment of outstanding fines. Their contention was that alternative access was available, and that the suspension had been effected in terms of agreed conduct rules. *Singh and Another v Mount Edgecombe Country Club Estate Management Association (RF) NPC and Others* 2016 (5) SA 134 (KZD)

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Contempt of court

The accused conceded that she disobeyed a court order evicting her from an informal dwelling on state land, but she said that she had nowhere else to go. In such a case, did she deliberately and mala fide disobey the order? *S v Samuels* 2016 (2) SACR 298 (WCC)

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