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# Managing Editor's note

Since reading Brett Charrington's article on liability for golfing injuries in this edition I have commenced lobbying the Queensland government to reduce the limitation period there to 13 months which, coincidentally of course, is the period of time since I avoided a water hazard on what shall remain an unidentified Queensland golf course by bouncing the ball off the head of a ball-retrieval diver and onto the green.

No doubt you will all be relieved to hear that I am not taking my clubs to Coolum – you will be relieved from a personal injury perspective (although you should be safe if you stand on the green according to my husband, who only says this when I don't have a club in my hand) but also because it is most difficult to beat a person who plays off a handicap of 124.

Even more terrifying than me on a golf course is letting your client loose in the witness box. Many court rooms harbour a malevolent spirit who possesses a plaintiff upon their taking the oath, causing them to spew forth previously

undisclosed tidings concerning their criminal past or prior injuries or, if you are really lucky, a version of the circumstances in which they were injured which does not accord with the pleadings. But now, dybbuk beware, we have our own ghostbuster in the form of Gerry Mullins whose article 'Preparing the plaintiff for trial' is the first in a regular series on Advocacy Skills. I am hoping Gerry's next article will cover 'How to effect nonchalance while your no-win, no-pay case implodes' (I favour the fake yawn and examining the fingernails but do be careful not to overplay it).



Finally, thank you to those who completed the member survey and gave feedback as to this journal. Please keep the feedback coming, particularly suggestions as to article topics or authors. I know many of you indicated in the membership survey that you were prepared to write articles for *Plaintiff*. Unfortunately we are hamstrung by privacy legislation from utilising that information so if you could approach me, or Caroline Henning, with your hand up we would be most grateful.

Hope to see you at Coolum.

KASSIE JAMES, TAS

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