**Article Summaries**

**Windfalls and corrective justice – discretion to extend the limitation period in personal injury cases**  
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The law of limitation has the potential to bar claims irrespective of their underlying merits. In personal injury cases this is mitigated by the existence of discretion under Limitation Act 1980, s 33 to allow a claim to proceed when it would otherwise be out of time. This is an attempt to promote fairness but runs the risk of increasing uncertainty. This article explores the policy ideas underpinning s 33 and considers how the courts may operate the section in a way that best achieves the aims of the underlying law without increasing uncertainty to an unacceptable extent.

**Picking the piper, the payment and tune – the liability of European textile retailers for the torts of suppliers abroad**  
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This article reviews the liability structures which might be deployed in the event of production disasters abroad leading to tort claims against European retailers. Drawing on the example of litigation under way in Dortmund against a German retailer for losses caused by a factory fire in Pakistan, it considers the mechanism by which such claims can be brought before a court in Europe and the common law liability structures which will frame them. English law is taken as the prime focus, given its capacity to serve as a general guide and source of inspiration for the jurisprudence of several producer states. It is ultimately argued that such claims have very little hope of success and that retailers are well able to control their liability exposure.