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Justice David Hammerschlag

The power of the court under r 31.54(1) of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005* (NSW) to obtain the assistance of a specially qualified person does not provide for disclosure to the parties. As a result, the following question is left unanswered: how secret can it be? This article considers the relationship between the procedural rule that empowers the court to obtain confidential expert assistance and the requirement for the court to afford the parties procedural fairness. 9

The Breadth of the Power to Make Worldwide Freezing Orders: Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Huang – *Rhea Thrift*

The recent decision of the High Court of Australia in *Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Huang*, majority appears to have preferred practicality over principle in granting a worldwide freezing order in respect of assets outside of Australia where there were no prospects of enforcing any eventual judgment. In dissent, Edelman J determined that such an order could not be made for the purposes of the power to grant freezing orders. This article argues that the majority decision was correct and is in accordance with the theoretical underpinnings of the purpose to make freezing orders. 13

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