



Newspapers cry foul on defamation funding

Are conditional fee arrangements or CFAs as they are known worth it? No win no fee arrangements for defamation cases are gaining popularity, but media groups claim they are stifling freedom of speech.

Caroline Kean, litigation partner says, "It's a fallacy that there is a big risk for claimants in libel cases. Most cases settle and the defendant's pay the legal costs so claimants don't need the protection of CFAs, which are perceived to be a gravy train for claimant lawyers".

For further details see The Guardian Media Law Supplement, 10 March 2008.