



Reputations safe as law of slander holds its own

Caroline Kean, litigation partner, answers the question whether individuals are safe from legal action for slander when they find that their conversation about an individual has been overheard and repeated.

She warns, "The law of slander exists to protect reputation with as much potential vigour as the law of libel".

Further, "although it is always difficult proving exactly what words were said, it would be a mistake to assume that slander as a legal remedy is frivolous". She notes that one of the most time consuming and costly pieces of litigation she has dealt with in recent years was a slander case.

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