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It has been a fun-filled few months with snow, Christmas and New Year, which sadly came to an official end with Blue Monday.

On the legal costs front the discussion is of uncertainty and change. There has been much speculation regarding the extent to which the coalition government will implement the reforms proposed in Lord Jackson's report and of what might be learnt from the various pilot costs schemes in progress. What does not seem to be in dispute is the fact that there will be a change to the way in which many cases are funded. With CFA's at the forefront of the costs agenda, the question is how radical the reforms will be.

This week the European Court of Human Rights has added to the debate regarding success fees, ruling that that the costs claimed by Naomi Campbell against MGN Limited were disproportionate and in breach of the newspaper's right to freedom of expression – something long contended by the media. It seems inevitable that a further round of challenges to CFA's will now follow.

It certainly promises to be an interesting year and we at DeNovo look forward to keeping you up to date with key developments. In the meantime we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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