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**VICARIOUS LIABILITY**

The **Supreme Court** has widened the circumstances in which an employer can be held vicariously liable for the acts of its employees. In one of the court's decision, *Mohamud v WM Morrison Supermarkets plc*, Morrisons was found liable after one of its employees carried out a serious assault on a customer at a petrol pump.

David Williams, a partner at DAC Beachcroft and a members of the Forum of Insurance

Lawyers (FOIL), said: 'The Supreme Court's judgments provide greater clarity on the types of relationship which give rise to vicarious liability, and confirm that the close connection test should be used when deciding whether an employer or business should be responsible for an action or omission of an individual. While each case should be considered on its own facts and merits, the judgments provide greater certainty to all parties in this evolving area of law.'