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### Executive Summary (1 minute read)

**Morris v St Vincent's Health Australia Ltd & Anor** (VSC) - joinder - pleadings - defamation - plaintiff sought to add two doctors as third and fourth defendants and leave to 'further amend statement of - leave to join 'proposed new defendants' refused - limited leave granted to amend statement of claim



# Benchmark

## Summaries With Link (Five Minute Read)

### **Morris v St Vincent's Health Australia Ltd & Anor [2020] VSC 690**

Supreme Court of Victoria

John Dixon J

Joinder - pleadings - defamation - plaintiff sought to add two doctors as third and fourth defendants and leave to 'further amend statement of claim' to introduce 'new causes of action' - negligence - breach of contract - injurious falsehood - misfeasance in public office - held: leave to join 'proposed new defendants' refused - leave granted to amend statement of claim 'in in a more limited way than was originally sought'.

[Morris](#)

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## Summer Night

**By:** Alfred, Lord Tennyson

NOW sleeps the crimson petal, now the white;  
Nor waves the cypress in the palace walk;  
Nor winks the gold fin in the porphyry font:  
The firefly wakens: waken thou with me.

Now droops the milk-white peacock like a ghost,  
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And like a ghost she glimmers on to me.

Now lies the Earth all Danaë to the stars,  
And all thy heart lies open unto me.

Now slides the silent meteor on, and leaves  
A shining furrow, as thy thoughts in me. 10

Now folds the lily all her sweetness up,  
And slips into the bosom of the lake:  
So fold thyself, my dearest, thou, and slip  
Into my bosom and be lost in me.

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