

ONE HOUR MEDICO LEGAL DRAMA SERIES

Starring Kerry Armstrong
and Jason Donovan


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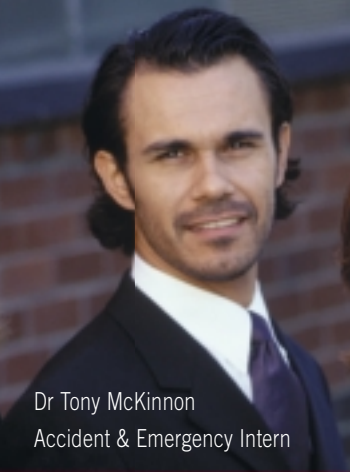
Where lawyers operate
on doctors.




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Caitlin King
MDA Case Manager



Dr Tony McKinnon
Accident & Emergency Intern



Dr Ella Davis
MDA Senior Case Manager



Richard Savage
Medical Litigation Specialist

A woman undergoes a Caesarean section and suffers major brain damage. A man checks in with a nose-bleed and never checks out. Hospitals can be dangerous places. Mistakes can be made. Lives can be seriously shattered, damaged or lost. And someone has to pay.

STORIES OF LIFE AND DEATH / GUILT AND INNOCENCE

That's when doctors turn to MDA - a medical defence and indemnity organisation that must untangle the truth from good intentions and negotiate its way through ethical minefields and around litigious lawyers.

Kerry Armstrong made Australian history as the first actress to win Best Performance by an Actress for both the Television and Film Categories of the Australian Film Institute Awards, in *SeaChange* and *Lantana*. Kerry plays Dr. Ella Davis, a passionate advocate for her profession. Her devotion however, never blinds her to the fact that for some doctors, arrogance is a lifestyle choice.

Her nemesis is Richard Savage, a medical litigation lawyer who thrives on winning the best deal for his clients. But mostly, he just loves operating on doctors. This darkly enigmatic role marks the much-anticipated return to television of Australian and international favourite, Jason Donovan. A four-year stint in the Australian soap *Neighbours* catapulted him to international fame, and recently Jason has starred in spectacular London-based stage shows – *The New Rocky Horror Show*, *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *The Fantasticks* and *Camelot*.

The medical-legal clashes between Dr Ella Davis and Richard Savage form the moral and dramatic blueprint for this provocative and compelling series.

Rarely has a television show been as topical or relevant to society today as *MDA*. These are the issues people are talking about worldwide...on the street...around the coffee machine...and in the home. Issues of life and death and who, ultimately, is responsible, when the system breaks down and doctors make mistakes.



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Crew

Creators - Greg Haddrick and Des Monaghan
Producer - Greg Haddrick
Series Producer - Ric Pellizzeri
Executive Producer ABC - Robyn Kershaw
Executive Producer ScreenTime - Des Monaghan

Cast

Kerry Armstrong - Dr Ella Davis
Jason Donovan - Richard Savage
Shane Bourne - Bill 'Happy' Henderson
Aaron Pedersen - Dr Tony McKinnon
Alice McConnell - Caitlin King
Angus Grant - Dr Jamie Lawless
Petra Yared - Layla Young
Alexandra Schepisi - Edwina 'Ed' Davis



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