This chapter examines the provisions of tort law concerning misuse of process and public powers. It discusses elements of the three principal causes of action, these being malicious prosecution, abuse of process, and misfeasance in a public office. It highlights the need to balance the protection of individual rights and interests with the conduct of public administration and the administration of justice. This chapter also considers the limits to witness immunity and abuse of the legal process.
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