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**Vicarious Liability: Analysing Relationships Akin to Employment**

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This article prescribes what is thought to be the best approach to one of the relationships giving rise to vicarious liability: the relationship akin to employment, also termed quasi-employment. After two matters are addressed to which attention must be given before commencing the analysis of relationships between defendants, a pattern of inquiry into those relationships which could usefully be embraced is put forward. It is then argued that, though policy reasoning would ideally be excluded from the quasi-employment analysis, a highly restricted role for it may be accepted on pragmatic grounds. The suggested approach is compatible with Scots law, which is shown largely to align with English law in this context.