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APRIL 2015 – PRESENT

Commercial practice with a particular focus on intellectual property.

Listed in Doyle's Guide – Intellectual Property Barristers, Australia, 2018; Technology, Media & Telecommunications, Australia, 2018; Intellectual Property Barristers New South Wales, 2016, 2017, and 2018 ("Leading" junior counsel); Technology, Media & Telecommunications, New South Wales, 2018

Listed in Best Lawyers 2018

Selected recent matters – Intellectual property and consumer protection

- *Neurim Pharmaceuticals (1991) Ltd v Generic Partners Pty Ltd & Anor* (Federal Court; ongoing)
Patents – infringement and amendment (pharmaceuticals)
- *Voxson Pty Ltd v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors* [2017] FCA 267 (settled; judgment is on a pleading point)
Patents – infringement and invalidity (telecommunications)
Misleading or deceptive conduct
- *Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd v Precision Tracking Pty Ltd & Ors* (Federal Court; ongoing)
Patents – infringement and invalidity (GPS tracking of pizza delivery)
Breach of confidence
Copyright – infringement
Misleading or deceptive conduct
- *Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors; Foxtel Management Pty Ltd v TPG Internet Pty Ltd & Ors* [2016] FCA 1503
Copyright – first applications to block access to piracy websites under new s 115A
- *Coretell Pty Ltd v Australian Mud Company Pty Ltd* [2017] FCAFC 54; [2016] FCA 706; [2017] FCAFC 122; [2017] HCASL 191 (special leave refused)
Patents – infringement and invalidity (drilling equipment)
Costs
- *Primary Health Care Limited v Commonwealth & Ors* [2017] FCAFC 174
Trade marks – opposition to registration – appeal
- *Australian Mud Company Pty Ltd v Coretell Pty Ltd* [2016] FCA 830 (reserved; judgment is interlocutory)
Patents – infringement and invalidity (drilling equipment)
Interlocutory – freezing orders
- *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Reckitt Benckiser (Australia) Pty Ltd (No 4)* [2015] FCA 1408

Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising (packaging of Nurofen products)

- *Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd v Generic Partners Pty Ltd; Generic Partners Pty Ltd v Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd* (Federal Court; settled)
 - Breach of confidence (pharmaceuticals)
 - Copyright – infringement
 - Interlocutory – interlocutory injunction
 - Interlocutory – application for stay under *International Arbitration Act 1974* (Cth)
- *Universal Music Australia Pty Ltd & Ors v TPG Internet Pty Ltd & Ors* [2017] FCA 435
 - Copyright – application to block access to piracy websites under new s 115A
- *Dintel Construction Systems Pty Ltd v AFS Systems Pty Ltd & Anor* [2017] FCA 262; [2017] FCA 791; [2017] FCA 919 (appeal decision reserved)
 - Patents – infringement and invalidity (building products)
 - Interlocutory – interlocutory injunction
- *Amga Palmer Pty Ltd v Ilestroke Pty Ltd & Ors* (Federal Court; **unled**; ongoing)
 - Copyright – infringement (house plans)
- *State of Escape Accessories Pty Limited v Anthony Biviano & Anor* (Federal Court; **unled**; ongoing)
 - Copyright – infringement; designs overlap
 - Passing off
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct
- *Jujube Australia v Natures Treat Pty Ltd & Ors* (Federal Court; **unled**; ongoing)
 - Trade marks – infringement
 - Passing off
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct
- *Meltwater Australia Pty Ltd – Reference to Copyright Tribunal* (Copyright Tribunal; ongoing)
 - Copyright – setting of appropriate licence fees (media-monitoring)
- *Right2Drive Pty Ltd v Pokerplus Pty Ltd* (Federal Court; **unled**; settled)
 - Trade marks – infringement
- *Dometic Australia Pty Ltd v Houghton Leisure Products Pty Ltd* (Federal Court; reserved)
 - Patents – infringement and invalidity (air-conditioners)
 - Interlocutory – interlocutory injunction
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising
- *Prodata Solutions Pty Ltd v South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission & Anor* (Federal Court; ongoing)

Breach of confidence (IT system)
Breach of contract
Copyright – infringement
Interlocutory – interlocutory injunction

- *Stelco Pty Ltd t/as Downrigger Shop v Facebook Australia Pty Ltd* (for Facebook; **unled**; resolved against Facebook)
 - Consumer protection
- *Chandrasekaran v Microsoft Pty Ltd & Ors* (Supreme Court; for Facebook; **unled**; resolved against Facebook)
 - Preliminary discovery
- *Universal Music Australia Pty Limited v Pavlovic & Anor; Pavlovic & Anor v Universal Music Australia Pty Limited & Ors* [2017] NSWSC 247; [2017] NSWSC 314 (settled; judgments relate to discovery and release from undertakings)
 - Copyright – infringement
 - Breach of contract
- *Robson Environmental Pty Ltd v Lancaster & Ors* (Federal Court; settled)
 - Copyright – infringement (asbestos reports)
 - Breach of confidence
 - Breach of contract
- *Tatts Group Limited v Lottoland Australia Pty Ltd* (Federal Court; settled)
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising
 - Trade marks – infringement
- *Steiner Legal v Rubicon Films Pty Limited* (Federal Court; **unled**; settled)
 - Copyright – infringement
 - Breach of contract
 - Interlocutory – injunction (obtained urgent injunction unled)
- *Bohemia Crystal Pty Ltd v Host Corporation Pty Ltd* [2018] FCA 892; [2018] FCA 235
 - Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (crystal glassware)
 - Passing off
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising
 - Costs (unled)
- *NUC Electronics Co Ltd v Optimum Appliances Pty Ltd* (Federal Court; settled)
 - Patents – infringement, invalidity (juicers)
- *Load and Move Pty Ltd v Container Rotation Systems Pty Ltd* [2016] FCA 843
 - Patents – infringement – preliminary discovery
- *Hunter Pacific International Pty Ltd v Martec Pty Ltd* [2016] FCA 796; (2016) 121 IPR 1, [2016] AIPC 92-509, [2017] ALMD 1099

Designs – infringement (ceiling fans)

- *Hells Angels Motorcycle Corporation (Australia) Pty Ltd v Redbubble Limited & Anor* [2016] FCA 530; [2016] AIPC 92-506, [2017] ALMD 696, [2017] ALMD 731
 - Trade marks – infringement (skull with wings mark)
 - Copyright – infringement
 - Interlocutory – security for costs
- *GAIN Capital UK Limited v Citigroup Inc (No 2)* [2017] FCA 519; [2016] FCA 582; [2016] FCA 243; (2016) 118 IPR 4
 - Trade marks – opposition to registration – appeal (CITY FX and related marks)
- *Balanced Body, Inc v The Joint Workshop Pty Ltd* (Federal Court; settled)
 - Patents – infringement (Pilates equipment)
- *L’Oreal Australia Pty Ltd v BrandPoint Pty Ltd* [2015] FCA 978
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising
 - Interlocutory – preliminary discovery
- *Shape Shopfitters Pty Ltd v SHAPE Australia Pty Limited* [2017] FCA 474; [2017] FCA 865; [2017] FCA 1277
 - Trade marks – infringement
 - Passing off
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising
 - Interlocutory – admissibility of evidence from the Wayback Machine
 - Costs
- *PMP Digital Pty Ltd v Joshua Gavin & Ors* (Federal Court; **unled**; settled)
 - Copyright – infringement
 - Breach of contract
 - Torts – interference with contractual relations
- *Zuru Limited & Anor v Brand Developers Aust Pty Ltd* [2017] FCA 1023 (Federal Court; settled)
 - Patents – infringement (water balloons)
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising
- *Clearlight Investments Pty Ltd v Barilla Ge R Fratelli – Societa per Azioni* [2017] ATMO 38 (**unled**)
 - Trade marks – opposition to registration (BARILLA PASTA PRONTO; successfully defended opposition unled)
- *Raymond Mizzi v Hobsons Australia Pty Ltd & Anor* (Federal Court)
 - Copyright – infringement – preliminary discovery
- *Clipsal Australia Pty Ltd v Clipso Electrical Pty Ltd* [2016] FCA 37
 - Patents – infringement (light switches)
 - Trade marks – infringement

- *Integratedliving Australia Ltd v Maitland Community Care Services Inc & Fuller* (Supreme Court; settled)
 - Breach of confidence
 - Copyright – infringement
- *Brand Developers Limited v Commissioner of Patents & Anor* (Administrative Appeals Tribunal; settled)
 - Patents – validity (water balloons)
- *eos Products LLC v CBCH Australia Pty Ltd* (Federal Court; settled)
 - Passing off
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising
- *Complete Office Supplies v Corporate Office Supplies* (Federal Court; **unled**; settled)
 - Trade marks – infringement; passing off
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct in advertising
- *In the matter of Australian Patent Applications No. 2013351261 & 2013351262 in the name of K-Fee System GmbH* (IP Australia; reserved)
 - Patents – opposition to registration
- Various trade mark and patent oppositions, including unled

Selected recent matters – Other fields

- *Commonwealth Bank of Australia v Brick & Block Company Pty Ltd (in Liq)* [2016] NSWSC 1277 (**unled**)
Interlocutory – application for suppression orders (successfully applied unled)
- *Application by ActewAGL Distribution* [2016] ACompT 4 and related matters [2016] ACompT 2, [2016] ACompT 3, [2016] ACompT 5 (judicial review application)
Competition law (electricity price regulation)
Administrative law
- *Metziya Pty Ltd v ICR Engineering Pty Ltd* and related matters [2016] NSWSC 1703
Breach of contract – appeal
- *Universal Music Australia Pty Limited v Pavlovic & Anor; Pavlovic & Anor v Universal Music Australia Pty Limited & Ors* [2017] NSWSC 247; [2017] NSWSC 314 (settled; judgments relate to discovery and release from undertakings)
Breach of contract
Corporations – directors’ duties
Equity – fiduciary responsibility, constructive trust
- *Sungrow Australia Group Pty Ltd v Sanctus One Pty Ltd & Anor* (Supreme Court; **unled**)
Breach of contract (solar panels)
Defective goods
- *Kids Club Rozelle Pty Ltd v European Hire Cars Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court; reserved)
Breach of contract
Breach of Australian Consumer Law
- *Kegran v Warrik* (Supreme Court; ongoing)
Breach of contract
Breach of Australian Consumer Law
- *Stillman v Rusbourne* [2015] NSWCA 410
Appeal – professional negligence – advocates’ immunity
- *Margan v Manias* [2015] NSWCA 388 (appeared as amicus curiae)
Appeal – human rights
- *Nalbandian v Commonwealth of Australia* (Federal Court; settled at hearing)
Appeal – security for costs
- *Crowe Horwath (Aust) Pty Limited v Mantarro* (Supreme Court)
Restraint of trade – application for interlocutory relief
- *In the matter of McGee Projects Pty Ltd* (Federal Court; **unled**; settled)
Corporations – application to set aside statutory demand

- *Willard Public Affairs Pty Ltd v AusBiotech Ltd* (District Court; **unled**; settled)
 - Breach of contract
 - Quantum meruit

- *McGee Projects Pty Ltd v Buildworx (Australia) Pty Limited* (District Court; **unled**; settled)
 - Breach of contract
 - Quantum meruit

- *Giorgio Ciccone v NSW Land and Housing Corporation* [2016] NSWCATAP 120 (**unled**)
 - Administrative law – tenancy

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OCTOBER 2011 – APRIL 2015

Cases included the following:

- *Samsung Electronics Australia Pty Limited v LG Electronics Australia Pty Limited* [2015] FCA 227 and [2015] FCA 477 (consumer protection)
- *Kafataris v Davis* (2014) 109 IPR 29 (patents)
- *Energizer Australia v Procter & Gamble* (consumer protection – interlocutory injunction granted; settled)
- *Commonwealth v Primary Health Care* (2014) 108 IPR 610 (trade marks)
- *Storm Productions v John Marsden* (copyright – settled)
- *Ainsworth Game Technology v Aristocrat Technologies Australia* (patents, copyright – settled)
- *Washington v Qantas Airways Ltd* (2014) 107 IPR 144 (consumer protection, copyright – costs)
- *The Weather Channel v XYZnetworks* (consumer protection, trade marks – settled)
- *Perez & Ors v Fernandez* (2012) 260 FLR 1 (copyright)
- *PPCA Limited under s 154 of the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth)* [2015] ACopyT 3

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- Research work for the Hon. Ian Callinan AC
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- Research work for Mr Jonathan Horton QC in respect of the constitutional case *Betfair Pty Limited v Western Australia* (2008) 234 CLR 418
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