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Silk since 2018. Barrister since 2004. Admitted as a legal practitioner in 1998.

Areas of practice

All areas of intellectual property and related fields, including:

- Patents
- Trade marks
- Copyright
- *Australian Consumer Law* and passing off
- Confidential information
- Administrative law, particularly reviews of decisions of the Copyright Tribunal of Australia, the Commissioner of Patents and the Registrar of Trade Marks

Description

Neil appears for and advises clients across a range of industries including pharmaceuticals (generic and originator), engineering, mining, information technology, telecommunications, music, consumer goods, liquor, gaming, finance and local government. He represents clients in the Federal Court of Australia at trial and on appeal; the High Court of Australia; the Supreme Court of New South Wales; the Trade Marks Office; the Patents Office; the Copyright Tribunal; and at mediations.

As a junior, Neil often appeared unled in contested matters in the Federal Court, including in trials against silk. Even when he was led, he routinely cross-examined witnesses, including experts, and presents oral argument at trial and on appeal.

His chambers are in Sydney, but he appears in cases in Melbourne, Canberra, and other Australian cities. His cases are often part of multinational litigation, involving the United States of America and/or the United Kingdom.

Before joining the Bar, he was a senior associate specialising in intellectual property disputes in a leading Australian-based multinational law firm. He is a member of the Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand.

Recommendations

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession 2016 - 2018:

Preeminent, Intellectual property junior counsel, Australia

Chambers Asia-Pacific Guide 2017, 2018:

Band 1, Intellectual Property junior counsel, Australia

"He is an excellent specialist IP barrister with particularly strong technical skills in the patent space"

"very smart and a great advocate."

World Trademark Review 1000 2017, 2018

"Gold" band, junior counsel, Australia

Listed in "Best Lawyers" survey, *Australian Financial Review* and www.afr.com 2010-2018 for intellectual property.

Selected cases

Patents

Apotex v sanofi-aventis (leflunomide); High Court of Australia, patentability of methods of treatment and infringement of patent for a new medical use of known drug.

Northern Territory v Collins; High Court of Australia, (the leading case on statutory indirect infringement)

AstraZeneca v Apotex (rosuvastatin); High Court of Australia, construction and application of ss 7(2), (3) of the Patents Act 1990 (obviousness), on appeal from a five-judge bench of the Full Federal Court.

Aktiebolaget Hassle v Alphapharm (omeprazole); (as instructing solicitor), High Court of Australia, seminal case on obviousness.

Warner-Lambert v Apotex (pregabalin); unled, Full Federal Court, first appellate decision on whether application for listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme constitutes patent infringement.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co v Apotex (aripiprazole); Full Federal Court, construction, novelty and obviousness of patent claims to a polymorph of a known compound and test for exclusive licence under Patents Act 1990.

Dynamite Games v Aruze Gaming Australia; Full Federal Court, inventive step and innovative step for standard and innovation patents concerning gaming machines.

SNF (Australia) v Ciba Specialty Chemicals Water Treatments; Full Federal Court, validity and infringement of patents concerning treatment of mining waste.

Les Laboratoires Servier v Apotex (perindopril arginine); Full Federal Court, obligation on patentee to describe best method, false suggestion, form of declaratory relief, patent amendment.

Les Laboratoires Servier v Apotex (perindopril erbumine); Full Federal Court, patent amendment.

Samsung Electronics v Apple Inc; Full Federal Court, principles of interlocutory injunctions.

Apple Inc v Samsung Electronics; Federal Court of Australia, patent infringement and validity of over 20 patents concerning touch screen devices, heard by two judges concurrently over nearly four months.

Mylan Health v Sun Pharma; unled, Federal Court of Australia, 3-week trial on 3 pharmaceutical patents against 3 silks.

Copyright

Roadshow Films v iiNet; Full Federal Court, liability of ISP for copyright infringement by users of BitTorrent.

EMI Songs v Larrikin Music Publishing; Full Federal Court, the Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree/Down Under case.

National Rugby League v Optus; Full Federal Court, extent of time-shifting exception and liability for provision of online television recording service.

Aristocrat Technologies Australia v DAP Services (Kempsey); Full Federal Court, damages for copyright infringement.

Universal Music v Sharman License Holdings; Federal Court of Australia, liability of providers of Kazaa software for copyright infringement by users.

Trade Marks

Campomar Sociedad Limitada v Nike International Inc; High Court of Australia (as instructing solicitor), removal of trade marks from the Register and principles concerning misleading and deceptive conduct under the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, now the *Australian Consumer Law*.

E & J Gallo Winery v Lion Nathan Australia; Full Federal Court, removal of trade mark from Register for non-use and trade mark infringement.

Shape Shopfitters v Shape Australia; unled, Federal Court of Australia, 6-day trial against silk under the *Australian Consumer Law* and the *Trade Marks Act*.

Gain Capital v Citigroup; unled, Federal Court of Australia, 4-day appeal against silk under the *Trade Marks Act* from a decision of a delegate of the Registrar of Trade Marks.