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Intellectual property practice, including patents, trade marks, copyright, designs, breach of confidence, and consumer protection (misleading or deceptive conduct).

Chambers and Partners – Intellectual Property: The Bar, Global, 2021 to 2025 (Band 1)

Chambers and Partners – Intellectual Property: The Bar, Asia Pacific, 2021 to 2025 (Band 1)

Best Lawyers – Intellectual Property Law, 2018 to 2025

Doyle's Guide – Intellectual Property Barristers, Australia, 2018 to 2023 ("Leading" junior counsel since 2022) (no 2024 or 2025 rankings were published)

Doyle's Guide – Intellectual Property Barristers, New South Wales, 2016 to 2025 ("Preeminent" junior counsel since 2023)

Doyle's Guide – Technology, Media & Telecommunications Barristers, Australia, 2023 to 2024 ("Leading" junior counsel since 2024) (no 2025 rankings were published)

Doyle's Guide – Technology, Media & Telecommunications Barristers, New South Wales, 2018 to 2025 ("Leading" junior counsel since 2022)

SELECTED RECENT MATTERS - TRADE MARKS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

• *RB* (Hygiene Home) Australia Pty Ltd v Henkel Australia Pty Ltd (No 2) [2021] FCA 1194; (2021) 162 IPR 496, [2021] FCA 1094; (No 2) [2023] FCA 1491; [2024] FCAFC 10, (2024) 302 FCR 285, (2024) 420 ALR 173, (2024) 179 IPR 178; [2024] FCAFC 92 (Full Federal Court; made oral submissions)

Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (FMCG – dishwashing tablets)

Trade marks – shape trade marks

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Consumer protection – alleged false advertising (claim to be ecologically friendly)

Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief

• Bed Bath 'N' Table Pty Ltd v Global Retail Brands Australia Pty Ltd [2024] FCAFC 139 (Full Federal Court and High Court; reserved)

Trade marks – infringement (soft homewares)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

· Primary Health Care Limited v Commonwealth & Ors [2017] FCAFC 174

Trade marks – registration – appeal (PRIMARY HEALTH CARE)

Trafalgar Group Pty Ltd v Boss Fire & Safety Pty Ltd (Federal Court; unled, including at trial; reserved)

Trade marks – registration (fire safety boxes)

· Hemmes Trading Pty Limited v Establishment 203 Pty Ltd [2024] FCA 1100, (2024) 179 IPR 315 (Federal Court; cross-examined witnesses and made oral submissions)

Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (ESTABLISHMENT in relation to restaurant services)

· Victoria's Secret Stores Brand Management, LLC v ePharmacy Group Pty Ltd (Federal Court; settled; unled)

Trade marks – infringement (VICTORIA'S SECRET in relation to fragrances)

Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief

Confidentiality – application for final orders

· Premonition Designs Pty Ltd v Karen Walker Limited (Federal Court; ongoing; unled)

Trade marks – appeal of registration decision (fashion)

Dr August Wolff GmbH & Co. KG Arzneimittel v Combe International Ltd (2020) 149 IPR 1, [2020] FCA 730; (2021) 157 IPR 230, [2021] FCAFC 8

Trade marks – registration (VAGISAN v VAGISIL)

Costs

Penfold Projects Pty Ltd v Penfold Property Group Pty Ltd (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Trade marks – infringement and validity (PENFOLD PROJECTS)

· Cranky Health Pty Ltd v Biogenic Health Australia Pty Ltd (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Trade marks – infringement and validity (THE MAN SHAKE)

· Macquarie Bank Limited v Macarthur Credit Union Ltd (Federal Court; ongoing)

Trade marks – registration (THE MAC BANK)

· Stakeshop Pty Ltd v Stake Gaming (Federal Court; ongoing)

Trade marks – infringement (online gambling)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Quia timet relief

RB (Hygiene Home) Australia Pty Ltd v Procter & Gamble Australia Pty Ltd [2023] FCA 383; [2023] FCA 1650 (Federal Court; judgment concerns an application for interlocutory relief)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct (dishwashing tablets)

Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief

Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd v Precision Tracking Pty Ltd & Ors [2017] FCA 211; [2017] FCA 1063; [2017] FCA 1264; [2018] FCA 48; [2018] FCA 910; [2018] FCA 1160 (settled – judgments are interlocutory)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical/electrical: GPS tracking of pizza delivery)

Breach of confidence

Copyright – infringement

• F45 Training Pty Ltd v Body Fit Training Company Pty Ltd [2020] NSWSC 1879 (discontinued; judgment concerns an application under cross-vesting legislation)

Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (fitness studios)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

• AGL Energy Limited v Greenpeace Australia Pacific Limited (2021) 395 ALR 275, (2021) 159 IPR 336, [2021] FCA 625

Trade marks – infringement (AGL logo used in Greenpeace campaign)

Copyright – infringement (parody or satire and criticism or review defences)

Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief

• Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd v Network 10 Pty Ltd [2018] FCA 2003 (settled; judgment is interlocutory)

Trade marks – infringement (Network 10 rebrand to "10 BOSS")

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief

• Pinnacle Runway Pty Ltd v Triangl Group Limited (2019) 375 ALR 251, 148 IPR 211, [2020] FCA 1379 (appeal discontinued)

Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (women's clothing, particularly swimwear)

Evidence – admissibility of Wayback Machine records

Costs – settlement offers

· iNova Pharmaceuticals (Australia) Pty Ltd v Letos Group Pty Ltd [2022] FedCFamC2G 1052; [2023] FedCFamC2G 801 (unled)

Trade marks – infringement (counterfeit pharmaceutical goods)

Interlocutory – summary judgment

Damages and costs

Dometic Australia Pty Ltd v Houghton Leisure Products Pty Ltd (2018) 135 IPR 403, [2019] ALMD 759,
 [2019] ALMD 760, [2019] ALMD 761, [2018] FCA 1573

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: air-conditioners used in caravans)

Interlocutory – interlocutory injunction

Costs

· Howden Australia Pty Ltd & Anor v Minetek Investments Pty Ltd & Ors [2019] FCA 981; [2019] FCA 1851

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Breach of confidence (fans used in mines)

Breach of contract (employee misuse of information)

Patents – ownership (mechanical: fans used in mines)

Interlocutory – interlocutory injunction

Interlocutory – discovery (forensic imaging)

• Taxiprop Pty Ltd v Neutron Holdings Inc (2020) 156 IPR 1, [2020] FCA 1565; (2020) 157 IPR 10, [2020] FCA 1822; [2021] FCA 274

Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (transport – LIME)

· Hells Angels Motorcycle Corporation (Australia) Pty Ltd v Redbubble Limited & Anor [2016] AIPC 92-506, [2017] ALMD 696, [2017] ALMD 731, [2016] FCA 530

Trade marks – infringement (fashion – skull with wings mark)

Copyright – infringement

Interlocutory – security for costs

• Meenakshi Krishnan v Estee Lauder Companies Inc (Federal Court; unled; for Estee Lauder)

Consumer protection – alleged false advertising (beauty products)

Therapeutic goods – alleged breaches of regulatory regime

7 Network (Operations) Limited v 7-Eleven Inc [2023] FCA 608; [2024] FCAFC 65, (2024) 181 IPR 210 (Full Federal Court)

Trade marks – invalidity (media and entertainment; FMCG – convenience stores)

· Bangkok Broadcasting & TV Co Ltd v Seven Network (Operations) Limited; Seven Network (Operations) Limited v Bangkok Broadcasting & TV Co Ltd (Federal Court; settled)

Trade marks – invalidity (media and entertainment)

· Derma Pen LLC v Biosoft (Australia) Pty Ltd [2022] FCA 885 (Federal Court; settled; judgment is on an application for security for costs)

Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (beauty products – micro-needling devices)

Trade marks – whether purported assignment is void under Conveyancing Act 1919

Trade marks – ownership

Copyright – infringement

Contracts – whether contract is void

Enforcement of foreign judgment

Interlocutory – security for costs (**unled**)

• GAIN Capital UK Limited v Citigroup Inc (No 2) (2017) 123 IPR 234, [2017] ALMD 4126, [2017] ALMD 4127, [2017] FCA 519; (2016) 118 IPR 4, [2016] FCA 243; [2016] FCA 582

Trade marks – opposition to registration – appeal (finance – CITY FX and related marks)

Bohemia Crystal Pty Ltd v Host Corporation Pty Ltd (2018) 129 IPR 482, [2018] FCA 235; [2018] FCA 892

Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (crystal glassware – BOHEMIA and related marks)

Passing off

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Costs (unled)

· Jujube Australia v Natures Treat Pty Ltd & Ors [2018] FCA 962 (unled; settled)

Trade marks – infringement (fruit – JUJUBE AUSTRALIA device with dragon)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Costs

· Shape Shopfitters Pty Ltd v SHAPE Australia Pty Limited [2017] FCA 474; [2017] FCA 865; [2017] FCA 1277

Trade marks – infringement (construction – SHAPE)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Interlocutory – admissibility of evidence from the Wayback Machine Costs

• Quantum Group Holdings Pty Ltd v Thompson [2021] FedCFamC2G 339 (Federal Circuit Court; unled)

Trade marks – registration (accounting and finance – QUANTUM)

· L'Oreal Australia Pty Ltd v BrandPoint Pty Ltd [2015] FCA 978

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct (beauty – rotating face brush) Interlocutory – preliminary discovery

· Stelco Pty Ltd t/as Downrigger Shop v Facebook Australia Pty Ltd (for Facebook; unled; resolved as against Facebook)

Consumer protection

Chandrasekaran v Microsoft Pty Ltd & Ors (Supreme Court; for Facebook; unled; resolved as against Facebook)

Interlocutory – preliminary discovery

- True Manufacturing Co Inc & Anor v Food Equipment Distributors Pty Ltd (Federal Court; unled; settled)

 Trade marks infringement and invalidity
- State of Escape Accessories Pty Limited v Anthony Biviano & Anor (Federal Court; unled; settled)
 Consumer protection misleading or deceptive conduct
 Copyright infringement; designs overlap (fashion handbags)
- Workinonit Pty Ltd v Six Hunt Pty Ltd (Federal Circuit Court; unled; settled)
 Trade marks revocation (fashion clothing and sneakers BUTTER)
- Right2Drive Pty Ltd v Pokerplus Pty Ltd (Federal Court; unled; settled)

 Trade marks infringement (car sharing)
- · Laminar Air Flow Pty Ltd v Vokes Ltd & Ors (Federal Court; unled)

 Trade marks infringement (air-conditioners VOKES marks)
- Complete Office Supplies v Corporate Office Supplies (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Trade marks – infringement (stationery – COS)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

• eos Products LLC v CBCH Australia Pty Ltd (Federal Court; settled)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct (beauty products – lip balm)

NPP Australia Limited v Ripple Labs, Inc (Federal Court; settled)

Trade marks – infringement (blockchain-style banking technology)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

International application and enforcement of laws

Acushnet Company v Golf Gods & Ors (Federal Court; settled)

Trade marks – infringement (fashion – golf clothing and other golf goods)

· Frankies Bikinis LLC v Frankii Swim Pty Ltd & Anor (Federal Court; settled)

Trade marks – infringement and invalidity (fashion – bikinis)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Contracts – breach of settlement agreement

Boss Fire & Safety Pty Ltd v Fire Containment Pty Ltd (2022) 166 IPR 264, [2022] FCA 464 (cross-examined witnesses, including an expert witness)

Trade marks – registration (fire safety boxes)

· Sydney Discus World Aquariums Pty Ltd v Botany Way Scapes Pty Ltd & Ors (Federal Circuit Court; unled; resolved)

Trade marks – infringement, invalidity (aquascaping)

· Various trade mark oppositions, **unled**, including for Ampol, Macquarie Bank, Imdb, and Penfolds

SELECTED RECENT MATTERS - COPYRIGHT

- · Fortescue Ltd v Element Zero Pty Ltd [2024] FCA 590; [2024] FCA 1157 (Federal Court; ongoing; unled)
 Copyright and breach of confidence employee allegedly taking material to a competitor
 Interlocutory Anton Pillar orders
- · McCallum v Projector Films Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 903 (Federal Court; ongoing; unled)

Copyright – moral rights (right of attribution and false attribution – documentary film)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct; statutory guarantees

Breach of contract (director's agreement)

Interlocutory – urgent injunctive relief

- · Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty Ltd v Light & Wonder, Inc. [2024] FCA 439; [2024] FCA 870 Copyright and breach of confidence – employee allegedly taking material to a competitor Interlocutory – Preliminary discovery
- · Reference by APRA AMCOS to Copyright Tribunal [2022] ACopyT 4 (Copyright Tribunal; unled for Apple; ongoing; judgment concerns summonses)

Copyright – setting of appropriate licence fees (use of musical works in streaming video on demand services)

Interlocutory – Tribunal's power to issue summonses

· Copyright Agency Limited v Isentia Pty Limited & Ors [2022] FCAFC 163; (2022) 405 ALR 619 (Full Federal Court; made oral submissions on part of the case)

Copyright – setting of appropriate licence fees (media monitoring)

The DLA Group Pty Limited v The State of Western Australia [2022] ACopyT 6; [2023] ACopyT 1 (Copyright Tribunal; unled for the State of WA; settled; judgments concern costs and summonses)

Copyright – Commonwealth use of copyright works

Costs

Procedure – Tribunal's power to issue summonses

Assignar Pty Ltd v Varicon Pty Ltd (Federal Court; ongoing)

Copyright – Computer software (SaaS)

Interlocutory – Preliminary discovery

Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors; Foxtel Management Pty Ltd v TPG Internet Pty Ltd & Ors (2016) 248 FCR 178, 343 ALR 428, 122 IPR 81, [2016] AIPC 92-517, [2017] ALMD 3345, [2016] FCA 1503

Copyright – first applications to block access to piracy websites under new s 115A

Universal Music Australia Pty Ltd & Ors v TPG Internet Pty Ltd & Ors (2017) 348 ALR 493, 126 IPR 219,
 [2018] ALMD 2180, [2018] ALMD 2181, [2017] FCA 435

Copyright - second application to block access to piracy websites under new s 115A

Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors (application no. 4; Federal Court; unled; orders made as sought but no reasons published); also [2019] FCA 885 (application no. 5; unled); also [2019] FCA 1328 (application no. 6; unled); also Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors (2020) 151 IPR 449 and (2020) 153 IPR 317 (application no. 7; unled); also Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors [2020] FCA 1468 (application no. 8; unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors [2021] FCA 1588 (application no. 9; unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors [2022] FCA 134 (application no. 10; unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors [2022] FCA 1413 (application no. 11; unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors [2022] FCA 1468 (application no. 12; unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Limited [2023] FCA 777 (application no. 13; unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Limited [2023] FCA 1167 (unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Limited [2024] FCA 485 (application no. 15; unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited & Ors v Telstra Limited [2024] FCA 1388 (application no. 16; unled); Roadshow Films Pty Limited V Telstra Limited [2025] FCA 744 (application no. 17; unled)

Copyright – applications to block access to piracy websites under s 115A

AGL Energy Limited v Greenpeace Australia Pacific Limited (2021) 395 ALR 275, [2021] FCA 625

Copyright – infringement (parody or satire and criticism or review defences)

Trade marks – infringement (AGL logo used in Greenpeace campaign)

Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief

Meltwater Australia Pty Ltd – Reference to Copyright Tribunal [2019] ACopyT 1; [2020] ACopyT 2; [2021] ACopyT 1; [2021] ACopyT 3; [2022] ACopyT 5

Copyright – setting of appropriate licence fees (media monitoring)

Interlocutory – release of Harman undertaking (unled)

Lift Shop Pty Ltd v Next Level Elevators Pty Ltd [2023] FedCFamC2G 268; [2023] FedCFamC2G 394; [2024] FedCFamC2G 554 (Full Federal Court; reserved; cross-examined witnesses, including expert witnesses; made oral submissions at appeal hearing)

Copyright – infringement (business documentation)

Breach of confidence (former employee)

Consumer protection – misleading and deceptive conduct

Interlocutory – application to set aside notice to produce (**unled**); application to exclude evidence said to be improperly obtained (**unled**)

· Hells Angels Motorcycle Corporation (Australia) Pty Ltd v Redbubble Limited & Anor [2016] AIPC 92-506, [2017] ALMD 696, [2017] ALMD 731, [2016] FCA 530

Copyright – infringement

Trade marks – infringement (fashion – skull with wings mark)

Interlocutory – security for costs

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 (music)

Breach of contract

· Amga Palmer Pty Ltd v Ilestroke Pty Ltd & Ors (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Copyright – infringement (house plans)

• PMP Digital Pty Ltd v Joshua Gavin & Ors (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Copyright – infringement (digital library of photographs of FMCG)

Breach of contract

Torts – interference with contractual relations

Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd v Precision Tracking Pty Ltd & Ors [2017] FCA 211; [2017] FCA 1063; [2017] FCA 1264; [2018] FCA 48; [2018] FCA 910; [2018] FCA 1160 (settled; judgments are interlocutory)

Copyright – infringement

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical/electrical: GPS tracking of pizza delivery)

Breach of confidence

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Steiner Legal v Rubicon Films Pty Limited (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Copyright – infringement (television commercial)

Breach of contract

Interlocutory – injunction (obtained urgent injunction **unled**)

• Wisdom Properties Group Pty Ltd v Velibor Todic & Ors (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Copyright – infringement (house plans)

· State of Escape Accessories Pty Limited v Anthony Biviano & Anor (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Copyright – infringement; designs overlap (fashion – handbags)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Australian Olympic Committee Inc v Colonial Leisure Group Pty Ltd (Federal Court; settled)

Copyright – infringement (craft beer)

Olympic insignia - infringement (craft beer)

· Pentana Solutions Pty Ltd v Titan Dealer Management Solutions Pty Ltd (Federal Court; ongoing)

Copyright – infringement (software)

Copyright – circumvention of electronic protection measures

Torts – inducing breach of contract

Competition – misuse of market power

SELECTED RECENT MATTERS - BREACH OF CONFIDENCE

· Fortescue Ltd v Element Zero Pty Ltd [2024] FCA 590; [2024] FCA 1157 (Federal Court; ongoing; unled)

Copyright and breach of confidence – employee allegedly taking material to a competitor Interlocutory – Anton Pillar orders

Goal Professional Services Pty Ltd v SAHR Group Pty Ltd (Federal Court; ongoing; unled)

Breach of confidence – employee allegedly taking material to a competitor

Interlocutory - Preliminary discovery

· Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty Ltd v Light & Wonder, Inc. [2024] FCA 439; [2024] FCA 870

Copyright and breach of confidence – employee allegedly taking material to a competitor

Interlocutory – Preliminary discovery

· Strang International Pty Ltd v South32 Limited (Federal Court; settled)

Breach of confidence (mining products)

Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd v Precision Tracking Pty Ltd & Ors [2017] FCA 211; [2017] FCA 1063; [2017] FCA 1264; [2018] FCA 48; [2018] FCA 910; [2018] FCA 1160 (settled; judgments are interlocutory)

Breach of confidence

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical/electrical: GPS tracking of pizza delivery)

Copyright – infringement

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

· Howden Australia Pty Ltd & Anor v Minetek Investments Pty Ltd & Ors [2019] FCA 981; [2019] FCA 1851; [2022] FCA 1202

Breach of confidence (fans used in mines)

Breach of contract (employee misuse of information)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Patents – ownership (mechanical: fans used in mines)

Interlocutory – interlocutory injunction

Interlocutory – discovery (forensic imaging)

Interlocutory – release from Harman undertaking (unled)

Lift Shop Pty Ltd v Next Level Elevators Pty Ltd [2023] FedCFamC2G 268; (No 4) [2024] FedCFamC2G 554 (Federal Circuit Court; cross-examined witnesses, including expert witnesses and made oral submissions)

Breach of confidence (former employee)

Copyright – infringement (business documentation)

Consumer protection – misleading and deceptive conduct

Interlocutory – application to set aside notice to produce; application to exclude evidence said to be improperly obtained

· 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 – urgent interlocutory relief

Interlocutory – application for stay under *International Arbitration Act 1974* (Cth)

SELECTED RECENT MATTERS – PATENTS

· Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Patents [2022] HCA 29; (2022) 403 ALR 625 (High Court; unled at hearing)

Patents – validity – manner of manufacture (computer-implemented inventions)

· Globaltech Corporation Pty Ltd v Australian Mud Company Pty Ltd (2019) 145 IPR 39, [2019] FCAFC 162; [2017] HCASL 189; [2020] HCATrans 45 (special leave refused after oral hearing)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: drilling equipment used in mining)

Coretell Pty Ltd v Australian Mud Company Pty Ltd (2017) 250 FCR 155, 124 IPR 210, [2017] AIPC 92-525, [2017] FCAFC 54; [2016] FCA 706; [2017] FCAFC 122; [2017] HCASL 189 (special leave refused)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: drilling equipment used in mining) Costs

· Cayago Tec GmbH v iAqua Watersports Pty Ltd (Federal Court; settled; unled)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: underwater jet propulsion system)

Stasiuk v Monster Energy AU Pty Ltd [2023] FCA 856; [2024] FCA 237 (Federal Court; unled)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical – laser etched tabs on soft drink cans)

Interlocutory – security for costs (unled)

Interlocutory – default judgment

· Acusensus IP Pty Ltd v One Task Pty Ltd (Federal Court; ongoing)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical – traffic camera systems)

Fanca Technologies Pty Ltd v CFH Airtechnic Australia Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 953 (Federal Court; ongoing)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical – fans for tunnelling machines)

Interlocutory – pleading amendment

Dincel Construction Systems Pty Ltd v AFS Systems Pty Ltd & Anor (2018) 360 ALR 273, (2018) 135 IPR 197, [2018] FCAFC 157; [2017] FCA 262; [2017] FCA 791; [2017] FCA 919

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: building products)

Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief

Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd v Precision Tracking Pty Ltd & Ors [2017] FCA 211; [2017] FCA 1063; [2017] FCA 1264; [2018] FCA 48; [2018] FCA 910; [2018] FCA 1160 (settled; judgments are interlocutory)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical/electrical: GPS tracking of pizza delivery)

Breach of confidence

Copyright – infringement

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Dyno Nobel Asia Pacific Pty Ltd v Orica Explosives Technology Pty Ltd & Ors [2025] FCA 767

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical/electrical: wireless explosive devices)

Patents – unjustified threats

Preliminary discovery

Procedure – amendment of pleadings

Neurim Pharmaceuticals (1991) Ltd v Generic Partners Pty Ltd & Anor [2018] FCA 1082; (2019) 139 IPR 424, [2019] FCA 154 (judgments are interlocutory)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (pharmaceuticals)

Patents – amendment

Australian Mud Company Pty Ltd v Coretell Pty Ltd [2016] FCA 830; [2018] FCA 1109; [2018] FCA 1608

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: drilling equipment used in mining)

Interlocutory – freezing orders

Costs – lump sum costs order (unled)

Dometic Australia Pty Ltd v Houghton Leisure Products Pty Ltd (2018) 135 IPR 403, [2019] ALMD 759,
 [2019] ALMD 760, [2019] ALMD 761, [2018] FCA 1573

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: air-conditioners used in caravans)

Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Costs

Australian Mud Company Pty Ltd & Anor v Globaltech Corporation Pty Ltd & Anor [2020] FCA 811 (judgment is interlocutory)

Patents – infringement (mechanical: drilling equipment used in mining)

Interlocutory – preliminary discovery

Recusal (argued **unled**)

Repipe Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation (2019) 148 IPR 164, [2019] FCA 1956

Patents – validity – manner of manufacture (risk assessment system)

Voxson Pty Ltd v Telstra Corporation Limited & Ors (2017) 343 ALR 681, [2018] ALMD 729, [2017] FCA 267 (settled – judgment is interlocutory)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (electrical: telecommunications)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

Jusand Nominees Pty Ltd v Rattlejack Innovations Pty Ltd (2022) 167 IPR 1, [2022] FCA 540; [2022] FCA 867; [2023] FCAFC 178, (2023) 300 FCR 408, (2023) 176 IPR 336 (Full Federal Court; at trial, cross-examined expert witness and made oral submissions on some aspects of the case; on appeal, made oral submissions on part of the case)

Patents – infringement (mechanical: device to plug bore holes to catch broken drill rods)

Patents – invalidity
Interlocutory – urgent interlocutory relief
Appeals

· Kutti Bay Investments Pty Ltd v Rattlejack Innovations Pty Ltd (Federal Court; ongoing)

Patents – infringement (mechanical: device to plug bore holes to catch broken drill rods)

Patents - invalidity

Interlocutory – issue estoppel and abuse of process

Appeals

· PGS Australia Pty Limited v Polarcus Seismic Limited & Ors (Federal Court; settled)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical/electrical: seismic surveying)

· Zetco Valves Pty Ltd v Elson Australasia Pty Ltd (Federal Court; settled)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: plumbing supplies)

· Hill & Smith Holdings PLC & Anor v Safe Barriers Pty Ltd [2018] FCA 1882 (settled; judgment concerns discovery)

Patents – infringement and invalidity (mechanical: roadside barriers)

Interlocutory – discovery

Rakman International Pty Ltd v Boss Fire & Safety Pty Ltd (2022) 166 IPR 264; [2022] FCA 464; [2022] FCA 1113; [2023] FCAFC 202, (2023) 178 IPR 20; [2024] FCA 914 (Federal Court and Full Federal Court; at trial, cross-examined witnesses, including an expert witness; on appeal, made oral submissions on part of the case)

Patents – infringement, invalidity (mechanical: fire safety boxes)

· CSR Building Products Limited v Steadiform Pty Ltd (Federal Court; settled)

Patents – infringement, invalidity (mechanical: building products)

Load and Move Pty Ltd v Container Rotation Systems Pty Ltd [2016] FCA 843

Patents – infringement (mechanical: industrial containers)

Interlocutory – preliminary discovery

• Balanced Body, Inc v Thrive Fitness Mildura Pty Ltd (Federal Court; unled; settled)

Patents – infringement (mechanical: Pilates equipment)

· Zuru Limited & Anor v Brand Developers Aust Pty Ltd [2017] FCA 1023 (settled; judgment is interlocutory)

Patents – infringement (mechanical: water balloons)

Consumer protection – misleading or deceptive conduct

· Various patent oppositions, including unled

SELECTED RECENT MATTERS - DESIGNS

· Rakumba Lighting Pty Ltd v Pinelake Ribbon Hotel Pty Ltd (Federal Circuit Court; unled; settled)

Designs – infringement (lights)

· GME Pty Ltd v Uniden Australia [2022] FCA 520; (No 2) [2022] FCA 638

Designs – infringement (handheld radio microphones)

Hunter Pacific International Pty Ltd v Martec Pty Ltd (2016) 121 IPR 1, [2016] AIPC 92-509, [2017] ALMD 1099, [2016] FCA 796

Designs – infringement (ceiling fans)

· Norton v DTA (Australia) Pty Ltd (Federal Circuit Court; unled; settled)

Designs – infringement (angle grinders)

SOLICITOR at two major law firms

JULY 2010 - APRIL 2015

INTERN at the AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION

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ASSOCIATE to JUSTICE GREENWOOD OF THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT at LEVEL 11 INNS OF COURT, BRISBANE

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- · Research work for the Hon. Ian Callinan AC
- · Research work for Sir Laurence Street AC KCMG on an Inquiry commissioned by the Attorney-General of Queensland into an Aboriginal death in custody on Palm Island
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