

# Ron Webb SC

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## Practice Overview

Ron has extensive experience as a trial and an appellate advocate. He was admitted to the bar in New South Wales in 1988 and appointed Senior Counsel in 2002. He has appeared in the Supreme Courts of New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria and the Federal Court (in all states) and in appeals to the New South Wales Court of Appeal, the Full Court of the Federal Court and the High Court of Australia. In Papua New Guinea, Ron has appeared at first instance in the National Court and on appeals to the Supreme Court of that country.

As well, Ron has been engaged in UNCITRAL, ICSID and domestic arbitrations and in references by the courts of matters, both commercial and technical, for determination.

He takes a collaborative approach to the cases in which he is briefed, contributing both strong analytical and broad forensic skills always informed by a pragmatic, commercial approach.

Ron is an accredited mediator under the National Mediator Accreditation System and undertakes that role in addition to his advocacy.

Ron also frequently advises on matters within the areas of substantive law in which he practices.

## Principal Areas of Practice

Ron predominantly practices in commercial law and administrative law.

His principle focus is intellectual property and in that area he has acted in cases concerning a wide variety of subject matter for clients in a broad range of industries. Recent reported cases include *CQMS v Bradken Resources*, *Konami Australia v Aristocrat Technologies Australia*, *Nichia Corporation v Arrow Electronics Australia*, *GlaxoSmithKline Australia v Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare (UK)* (patent) *Sports Data v Prozone Sports Australia* (copyright), *Apple Inc. v Registrar of Trade Marks*, *Paul's Retail v Lonsdale Australia*, *Paul's Retail v Sporte Leisure*, *DC Comics v Cheqout*, (trade marks) and *Samsung Electronics Australia v LG Electronics Australia* (misleading conduct in comparative advertising).

Additionally, he has extensive experience in other areas of commercial law, with an emphasis on resource and development projects, engineering contracts and commodity contracts, and in administrative law. Most of his work in PNG has been in the latter area and in constitutional law. Recent constitutional cases include *Special Reference by the Attorney General pursuant to Constitution, Section 19* [2016] SC1534 and *SC Ref No 6 of 2014* [2017] SC1602.

A detailed list of cases in which Ron has appeared can be provided.

## Admissions and Appointment

- 2002 Appointed Senior Counsel
- 1996 Barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland
- 1990 Barrister of the Supreme Court of Victoria

- 1993 Barrister of the Supreme Court of Tasmania
- 1988 Barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and High Court of Australia
- 1983 Lawyer of the National Court of PNG
- 1981 Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and High Court of Australia

### **Tertiary Qualifications**

- 1981 Master of Arts, University of Sheffield
- 1977 Bachelor of Laws, University of New South Wales
- 1977 Bachelor of Commerce, University of New South Wales

### **Current Professional Memberships, Recommendations**

- Doyle's Guide 2017 Recommended as Leading Intellectual Property Senior Counsel – NSW
- Member New South Wales Bar Association
- Member Victorian Bar Association
- Member Intellectual Property Association of Australia and New Zealand (IPSAANZ)
- Member Copyright Society of Australia
- Member Asia Pacific Copyright Association
- Member Australian Institute of Judicial Administration