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Background and qualifications

Chris was admitted to the Bar in 2010 and quickly developed a strong practice specialising in intellectual property law.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Chris was a solicitor at a top-tier national law firm. He has also served as Associate to the Hon Justice Gummow AC (High Court of Australia) and the Hon Justice Bennett AO (Federal Court of Australia).

Chris holds a Bachelor of Science (Genetics) / Law (First Class Hons, 3rd on the Hons roll) Degree from the University of Melbourne.

Experience at the Bar and Notable Cases

Chris has extensive experience advising and appearing in Australian intellectual property proceedings at trial and appellate level, including large scale patent infringement / revocation proceedings; pharmaceutical patent infringement / revocation proceedings; trade mark infringement and rectification proceedings; passing off; consumer protection; copyright and design infringement proceedings and opposition proceedings before IP Australia, as well as commercial disputes.

Chris has a science degree in genetics and regularly appears in complex patent matters involving expert evidence. Examples of significant patent cases in which Chris has been briefed include the **Apple v Samsung** smart phone and tablet litigation (3 and a half month trial, 22 patents); **AstraZeneca Crestor** (cholesterol treatment, 3 patents); **Apotex v ICOS** (erectile dysfunction, 2 patents); **Orion v Actavis** (parkinson's disease); **DSI v Garford** (cable bolts); **Ansell v Durex** (synthetic polyisoprene condoms); **Sandvik v Quarry Mining** (extension drilling) and **Seiko Epson v Calidad** (printer cartridges).

Chris has also appeared in several landmark cases concerning online copyright, including the High Court case **Roadshow Films v iiNet** regarding ISPs and copyright infringement by authorisation; the application by **Dallas Buyers Club** for preliminary discovery to identify ISP account holders and the **Foxtel, Roadshow Films** and **Universal Music** "website blocking" piracy proceedings (the first of their kind brought in Australia). **Paul's Retail v Sporte Leisure, Solahart v Solar Hut** and **Ceramiche Caesar v CaesarStone** are some of the trade mark cases Chris has appeared in.

Memberships and Recognition

Chris is recognised in the most recent *Doyle's Guide (2017)* as a *Leading Intellectual Property Junior Counsel* (Australia and NSW).

He is also listed in the *Australian Financial Review* as one of "Australia's Best Lawyers" (2016, 2017; Intellectual Property).

Chris is a member of IPSANZ (The Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand)