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Intellectual Property

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Hall Of Fame

Sue Gilchrist – Herbert Smith Freehills
Odette Gourley  – Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Shaun Mcvicar – Herbert Smith Freehills
Lisa Ritson – Ashurst
Stephen Stern  – Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Matthew Swinn – King & Wood Mallesons
Michael Williams – Gilbert + Tobin

Leading Individuals

Derek Baigent - Griffith Hack
John Collins - Clayton Utz
John Fairbairn - Minter Ellison
Rebekah Gay - Herbert Smith Freehills
Tim Golder - Allens
Kate Hay – King & Wood Mallesons
Eugenia Kolivos – Corrs Chambers Westgarth
John Lee - Gilbert + Tobin
Anthony Muratore - Jones Day
Kim O'Connell - King & Wood Mallesons
Siabon Seet - Gilbert + Tobin
Adam Simpson - Simpsons Solicitors
Andrew Stewart - Baker McKenzie
Miriam Stiel - Allens
Nicholas Tyacke - DLA Piper
Tim Webb - Clayton Utz
Elisabeth White - Baker McKenzie
Andrew Wiseman - Allens

Next Generation Partners

Jessie Buchan –DLA Piper
Stuart D'Aloisio - Ashurst
Rebecca Dunn - Gilbert + Tobin
Suzy Madar - King & Wood Mallesons
James Neil - Clayton Utz
Caroline Ryan - Allens

Rising Stars

Emma Iles - Herbert Smith Freehills
Lauren John - Allens
Chantal Savage - Baker McKenzie

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Law firm partners and practice heads explain how their firms are adapting to clients' changing needs



PRESS RELEASES

The latest news direct from law firms.

BOUTIQUE LITIGATION AND INSOLVENCY FIRM, IRONBRIDGE LEGAL, BOLSTERS SENIOR TEAM IN MELBOURNE
[Ironbridge Legal](#) January 3, 2024

Ironbridge Legal Takes the Lead in Landmark WestConnex Resumption Class Action Against NSW Government
[Ironbridge Legal](#) January 3, 2024

MEDIA RELEASE | Thomson Geer appoints two Partners to strengthen M&A team
[Thomson Geer](#) September 29, 2023

JWS advises Cuscal on strategic investment in open banking platform, Basiq
[Johnson Winter Slattery](#) March 28, 2023

JWS bolsters projects and construction team with appointment of Brisbane partner
[Johnson Winter Slattery](#) March 28, 2023

Moderna to produce mRNA vaccines in Australia
[Johnson Winter Slattery](#) January 30, 2023

JWS to open in Canberra and broaden its foreign investment/M&A team
[Johnson Winter Slattery](#) January 30, 2023

JWS advises Magnetic Rail Group on acquisition of One Rail Australia's East Coast Rail business
[Johnson Winter Slattery](#) January 30, 2023

Energy and Resources team bolstered with appointment of new Partner
[Thomson Geer](#) November 24, 2022

Blackwattle Legal bolsters its growing first-class team
[Ironbridge Legal](#) March 15, 2022

Blackwattle Legal globally recognised as a leading law firm in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific: Australia, 2022 edition
[Ironbridge Legal](#) March 15, 2022

Best Law & Related Services Firm: Beaton's 2021 Client Choice Awards.
[Johnson Winter Slattery](#) January 21, 2022

Arnold Bloch Leibler

Specialising in contentious intellectual property mandates, **Arnold Bloch Leibler** is a key contact for retail, technology and telecoms clients. **Zaven Mardirossian** leads the group and is proficient in third party infringement protection, while **Gabriel Sakkal** is also noted for his broad competition and IP property law practice. All of the individuals that have been mentioned are located in Melbourne.

Practice head(s): Zaven Mardirossian
Other key lawyers: Gabriel Sakkal

Key clients

MECCA Brands	Memories.com.au
HQ Group Pty Ltd	Retail Food Group
PLUSpak Safety	Cadence Property Group
Industry Super Australia	Wollemi Capital Group
Decjuba	

Work highlights

- Advising Mecca on intellectual property protection, registration, licensing and enforcement matters.
- Advising HQ Group in relation to the registration and enforcement of several trade marks in connection with its hospitality venues.
- Representing PLUSpak Australia in a major intellectual property dispute with the a2 Milk Company Ltd.

Dentons

With a global patent and trade mark offering, **Dentons** is adept at intellectual property commercialisation and licensing work, franchising and privacy issues, technology mandates, and litigation. Practice head **Joy Atacador** and **Vanessa Gore** in Adelaide are knowledgeable of the protection and enforcement of copyright and trade marks. **Roanne De Menezes** is skilled in trade mark portfolio management, and **Peter Divitcos** is also a key member of the team. Team members are located in Melbourne, unless stated otherwise.

Practice head(s): Joy Atacador
Other key lawyers: Vanessa Gore: Roanne De Menezes; Peter Divitcos: Antonia Hudson

Testimonials

‘The team are so personable and down to earth. Explain options clearly in ‘layman’s terms’ and very proactive in providing options and suggested next steps.’

‘Great communicators, quick responses to any queries and pro-active and friendly.’

Key clients

Rapid Response Revival	Windsor Smith
Dye & Durham	Argenta
Hertz	Regeneus
Avis Budget Group	Starwood Capital
Hilton	Gartner Australasia Pty Ltd

Work highlights

- Assisted Argenta with template licence agreements and multiple strategic transactions.
- Advised Avis Budget Group on drafting precedent franchise agreements, competition law, trade marks, IP ownership and licensing arrangements.

Macpherson Kelley

Operating in the food and beverage, manufacturing as well as retail and fashion sectors, **Macpherson Kelley** is entrusted by an assortment of multi-national clients. **Paul Kirton** has been praised as ‘a *seasoned practitioner*’, while **Belinda Sigismundi** in Dandenong is adept in the development, enforcement, and protection of trade marks. **Mark Metzeling** in Queensland is informed on the commercialisation of copyright and patents, as well as cybersecurity and internet law issues. **Stuart Gibson** is a key port of call for significant clients in the fashion and entertainment industries on trade mark portfolio management. All of the individuals that have been mentioned are located in Melbourne, unless stated otherwise.

Practice head(s): Paul Kirton; Belinda Sigismundi; Mark Metzeling; Stuart Gibson
Other key lawyers: Libby Goad; Nils Versemann

Testimonials

‘Efficient and excellent communicators.’

‘The team deliver results promptly with excellent insights to the matter at hand.’

‘They provide prompt, practical, commercial advice and their responsiveness and communication are exemplary.’

Key clients

State of Escape	Visy Retail Services Pty Ltd
BB Retail Capital (Honey Birdette (Aust) Pty Ltd)	Openway Food Group Pty Ltd
AutoPacific Australia Pty Ltd	Newfurn Floor Coverings Limited (Choices Flooring)
Sitro Group Australia Pty Ltd	Hinkler
The Coffee Club Pty Ltd	
Fewstone Pty Ltd trading as City Beach	
Drool by Dr Chris Brown Pty Ltd	
Just Order Enterprises Corporation	

Work highlights

- Advised City Beach on its worldwide IP portfolio, including the expansion and protection of its IP overseas.
- Advised AutoPacific Australia in relation to the protection, enforcement, and commercialisation of its international IP portfolio.
- Acted for Jimmys on the enforcement of its trade mark rights against third party infringers by conducting IP litigation in the Federal Court of Australia.

Pearce IP

Led by Sydney-based **Naomi Pearce**, the boutique firm **Pearce IP** caters to contentious and non-contentious patent and trade mark matters in the life sciences sectors. In Melbourne, **Eliza Jane Saunders** is often engaged in patent litigation, while **Chris Vindurampulle** is seasoned in patent and trade mark prosecution and opposition work.

Practice head(s): Naomi Pearce
Other key lawyers: Eliza Jane Saunders; Chris Vindurampulle

Testimonials

‘The team is uniquely positioned to provide pragmatic and up to the minute advice in the field of biologics.’

‘The team employs real IP specialists with top notch experience, working collaboratively with clients to achieve their commercial objectives.’

‘No-one has more experience and knowledge of the biosimilars industry than Naomi Pearce. She is skilled and highly motivated.’

Key clients

Juno Pharmaceuticals	Calithera Biosciences Inc
Natco Pharmaceuticals	
Burchgrove and Luxotico	
1200 Pharma LLC	
2A Pharma AB	
ABL Bio	
Annexon Inc.	
Atara Biotherapeutics	
Atomic Oncology	
Biogen Inc	
California Institute of Technology	

Work highlights

- Acted for Californian FoodTech company Perfect Day, Inc. in its appeal to the Federal Court of Australia of a decision by the Australian Patent Office (APO).
- Acting for SHL in a Patent Opposition regarding an autoinjector device used for parenteral drug delivery.
- Represented Cipla Australia Pty Limited in the Federal Court of Australia for the revocation of two Australian patents owned by Bayer Intellectual Property GmbH relating to rivaroxaban (VID124/2023).

Wrays Lawyers

Well-established in the pharmaceutical industry, **Wrays Lawyers** is active in work at the intersection of intellectual property and competition law. **Gary Cox** in Perth is experienced in intellectual property litigation, while **Jennifer McEwan** in Melbourne leads the firm’s trade mark practice. Based in Sydney, **Judith Miller** is focused on the research and development sector and advises clients on the exploitation, management and protection of their rights in old and new media.

Practice head(s): Gary Cox; Jennifer McEwan; Judith Miller
Other key lawyers: Andrew Goatcher; Natalie Shoolman; Andrew Mullane

Testimonials

‘They are experts in the field.’

‘Knowledgeable and thorough.’

‘They have long and strong client relationships and know their matters back to front.’

Key clients

Amgen Inc	TCT Group Pty Ltd
Lupin Inc (Generic Health)	Kangatech Pty Ltd
MMD Design and Consultancy Ltd and MMD Australia Pty Ltd	Jusand Nominees Pty Ltd
Takeda	Cash Converters Pty Ltd
Eli Lilly & Company	
Chiesi Pharmaceutici S.p.A.	
Jurlique International Pty Ltd	
Xero	

Work highlights

- Represented Amgen in the defence of its Australian PCSK9 antibody patent portfolio used for the treatment of high cholesterol.
- Successfully represented the TCT Group Pty Ltd in a proactive patent revocation action against a patentee, Polaris IP Pty Ltd.
- Assisted Xero in portfolio management.