



IPTA

2023 Annual Conference

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HOBART





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Invitation

Dear Members

We have great pleasure inviting you to the 2023 Annual Conference including the 104th Annual General Meeting which will be held in the harbour city Hobart, Tasmania, at the Hotel Grand Chancellor from Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 April 2023.

The first and last time the IPTA Conference was held in Hobart was 2012. With the rise of Tasmania as a clean, green and natural destination of natural beauty and bountiful gifts of nature, we could not wait to go back again and hope you will experience the conference with the same enjoyment as our Conference Committee has had putting it together.

Hobart, or Hobart Town as it used to be known, is home to the Muwinina people and the city recognises more than 40,000 years of Aboriginal heritage and connection with the land. Hobart (also known as "nipaluna") is the second oldest capital city in Australia and was founded in 1804 as a British penal colony. Framed by the majestic Mount Wellington and estuary of the Derwent River, Hobart is a truly beautiful place and its tremendous fresh natural produce is to behold. It is a melting pot of landscape, history, culture, art, music, food and wine.

We have put every effort into creating a strong educational program with well-regarded presenters. Highlights of the program include a keynote presentation by Antony Taubman from the World Trade Organisation. Following on from our very successful "Super-Patents" session at our conference in Kingscliff this year, we are pleased to say at the upcoming conference we have both a "Super-Patents" and "Super-Trade Marks" session featuring a federal judge in each session being Justice Helen Rofe and Justice Julia Baird respectively. We are also very fortunate to have Alistair Scott from Airbus Industries who will be presenting a keynote session on the topic of "Having the Right Stuff".

On the social front, Wednesday evening kicks off with a Welcome Reception at "AURA" a rooftop space where you can get a 360-degree view of Hobart. On Thursday evening, we take a little drive to the Coal Valley, home to some of Tasmania's finest pinot noir wines, where we will enjoy an informal dinner at Frogmore Creek Wines. Get glammed up for the Hollywood theme on Friday night at our Gala Dinner which will be at Glen Albyn Estate, where the red carpet will be rolled out.

While all educational sessions and social events are included in the full delegate registration fee, day registration is available for those who can't attend the whole conference.

In accordance with the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board (TTIPAB) guidelines, patent and trade marks attorneys attending the conference may claim one-hour CPE for each hour of business sessions they attend. This provides the opportunity to record approximately 18 hours of CPE as detailed in the program.

The deadline for conference registration is 27 March 2023. Online registration, the first edition of the program and a link to special accommodation rates are now available on the IPTA website.

We hope you will attend and look forward to seeing you.

Kind Regards



Janelle Borham
President



Jennifer McEwan
Conference Convenor





Hotel Grand Chancellor

Hotel Grand Chancellor



Venue

Accommodation and Business Sessions

Hotel Grand Chancellor
1 Davey Street
Hobart TAS 7000

Perfectly positioned directly on Hobart's waterfront, the Hotel Grand Chancellor offers stunning views of the River Derwent and surrounds. Its central location means that you are a short walk from all areas of the city and major attractions, with Salamanca, Battery Point, city centre shopping and the MONA ferry only a few minutes' walk away.

Located at 1 Davey Street, just a 20 minute drive from Hobart Airport, and the first hotel you'll see as you enter Hobart. If you're coming from the Airport options include rental cars, taxis, Uber, or the SkyBus which stops right outside the hotel. The spacious lobby and reception area makes check-in a breeze, and features the Atrium Bar which is ready to welcome you with tasty Tassie treats!

Accommodation and Breakfast

The Hotel is pleased to confirm the following rates for IPTA:

- City Side Room:** \$265.00 per room per night including 1x breakfast
- Harbour View Room:** \$300.00 per room per night including 1x breakfast

All room rates are based on either a single, twin, or double basis.

Rates are based on one fully cooked breakfast in Restaurant Tasman per room per day. Additional breakfasts will be charged on consumption at \$31.00 per person.

Pre and Post Accommodation Rooms

The Hotel is willing to extend the agreed accommodation rate up to three days prior to and following the Conference subject to availability.

Key Information:

- Check in time:** 15.00pm
- Check out time:** 11.00am
- Early check in policy:** Subject to availability
- Late checkout fee to 15:00:** \$80.00
- Cot fee:** \$10.00
- Rollaway bed fee:** \$35.00
- Porterage:** \$7.00 per room (one bag per room per way)
- Generic room drops:** \$6.00 per room under door and \$8.00 per room in room
- Personalised room drops:** \$10.00 per room under door and \$12.00 per room in room
- Parking:** \$10.00 per day self-park, \$20.00 per day valet

Extra persons staying over the twin or double arrangement incur a \$35.00 per person per night charge. Children under 15 years of age, sharing with an adult and utilising existing bedding are free of charge. Should a twin room comprising two double beds be required, this is to be specified in the rooming list and is subject to availability.

IPTA Corporate, YIPTA and Practitioner's Breakfast
The cost for the IPTA Corporate, YIPTA and Small Business Members Friday breakfast events will be incorporated into the registration fees. Registration numbers are limited.

Confirmation process – Bookings Direct to Hotel
Accommodation to be booked directly with the hotel. Please click [accommodation link](#) to obtain the conference rates.

The following information will be required at the time of booking to confirm the reservation:

- Guest's name and if sharing who they are sharing with
- Arrival date
- Departure date
- Room type
- Payment details
- Meal requirements
- Any other special details

Accommodation Cancellation Policy
All cancellations of individual bookings must be received in writing. Cancellation of room nights within 7 days will incur the full accommodation amount.

No shows
For any guest that does not arrive on the specified date as confirmed via the online booking portal, the Hotel will charge the full accommodation amount directly to the guest.

Pandemic/ covid safe management requirements
The Hotel will manage all COVID safe practices relevant to the Hotel's execution of the event as per Tasmanian Safe work practices and relevant Legislation.

General Information



Climate

Tasmania's autumn is a brilliant time of year to visit. This is usually the driest time of year, and the days are still warm and long, but the nights are beginning to cool down.

Average max temp: 16°-18°
Average min temp: 8°-10°

Dress Recommendations

Visitors travelling to Hobart in April should plan on bringing long sleeve blouses, shirts, pants and slightly heavier dresses and a warm jacket for the evening. It is also recommended to bring a waterproof rain jacket in case it rains

Business Sessions: Smart casual
Informal Dinners: Smart casual
Gala Dinner: Hollywood Glam

Children

Children are welcome to attend most functions; however, they must be registered for seating and catering requirements even if no charge is applicable. Please contact the Secretariat for details.

WiFi Access

WiFi access is free. You will be provided with the password when checking in.

Name Badges

Name badges must be worn to all functions

Registered Full Delegates
White badge

Registered Accompanying Persons
Red stripe

Registered Day Delegates
Yellow stripe

Councillors
Purple stripe

Speakers
Green stripe

Guests for Additional Functions
Blue stripe

Special Dietary Requirements

Requests for special dietary requirements will be passed on to caterers. Please identify yourself to the catering staff and they will ensure you receive the appropriate meal.

Registration

Fees

(Deadline is 27 March 2023)

	Before Deadline	After Deadline
Full Delegate Package – IPTA Member	\$1,550	\$1,750
Full Delegate Package – Non-Member	\$1,850	\$2,050
Day Registration Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday – IPTA Member	\$650/day	\$750/day
Day Registration Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday – Non-Member	\$750/day	\$850/day
Accompanying Person Package	\$550	\$650
Full Delegate Package – Registered for < 5 years - IPTA Member	\$1,050	\$1,550
Full Delegate Package – Registered at 70 plus years old	\$1,050	\$1,550

Additional tickets (for guests NOT REGISTERED as a Full Delegate or Accompanying Person):

Wednesday:	Welcome Reception at Aura	\$160
Thursday:	Informal Dinner at Frogmore Creek	\$190
Friday:	Gala Dinner at Glen Albyn Estate	\$230

Cost for activities included in the registration fee:

Breakfast Session for Corporate Members	Included in registration
Breakfast Session for YIPTA Members	Included in registration
Breakfast Session for Small Business Members	Included in registration

Registration Packages

Full Delegate Package: Includes business sessions, lunches, evening functions and hospitality suite.

Accompanying Persons Package: Includes evening functions and hospitality suite.

(Please note that accompanying persons who do not register for the Accompanying Persons package may register to attend the Dinners and Post Conference tour).

Day Delegate Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: Includes business sessions, lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

(Day Delegates may register for dinners and post conference tour.)

Coach transfers to and from conference venues are included.

Registration and Accommodation Deadline

Accommodation at the conference rate is limited. There are no guarantees accommodation will be available after the deadline of **27 March 2023** or that accommodation will be available at the conference rate.

Registration Cancellations

Cancellations for registrations must be notified in writing to mail@ipta.org.au. Registration fees for cancellations received after **10 April 2023** will not be refunded.

Registration Desk/Secretariat

The IPTA Secretariat will be located in Chancellor Room 5 and the registration desk will be located on the Mezzanine level.



Social Program



Included

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL

Lunch

12.30pm-1.30pm

Hotel Grand Chancellor Mezzanine Level

Welcome Reception

6.30pm-9.30pm

AURA

Level 12/110 Liverpool Street

Hobart TAS 7000

Catch up with colleagues over drinks and substantial canapes.

Coaches depart at 6.00pm from Campbell Street (side of the Hotel). Directions available.

High in the sky between the Derwent River and Kunanyi/Mount Wellington is AURA, Hobart's first rooftop venue. Positioned at the epicentre of the spectacular Tasmanian scenery, AURA has been designed to encapsulate the juxtaposition of the natural elements that surround her.

With a unique panoramic view of Hobart, fun dining approach to service and an informal but intimate environment, AURA shows you what occurs between the ocean, the mountain and the sky.

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL

Lunch

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Hotel Grand Chancellor Mezzanine Level

Winery Dinner

7.00pm - 10.30pm

Frogmore Creek Winery

699 Richmond Road

Cambridge TAS 7170

Movie Quiz Night

Quiz Master: Jennifer McEwan

Coaches depart at 6.30pm from Campbell Street (side of the Hotel). Directions available.

Frogmore Creek Cambridge is located a short 15 minute drive from Tasmania's capital Hobart.

The largest winery in Southern Tasmania, Frogmore Creek is set amongst the vines and boasts an award winning restaurant. Floor-to-ceiling windows provide stunning views across the surrounding waterways and valley. A premium vineyard, with a restaurant in a rustic homestead and set amongst the stunning backdrop of the picturesque Coal River Valley. Frogmore Creek delivers exceptional quality across food, wine and service, creating the essential framework for a memorable dining experience.

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL

Corporate Members Breakfast

7.15am - 8.30am

Hotel Grand Chancellor Harbour View Room 1

YIPTA Members Breakfast

7.15am - 8.30am

Hotel Grand Chancellor Room 6

Small Business Members Breakfast

7.15am - 8.30am

Hotel Grand Chancellor Harbour View Room 2

Wellness Lunch

1.15pm-2.30pm

Hotel Grand Chancellor Harbour View Room 1

Lunch

1.15pm-2.30pm

Hotel Grand Chancellor Mezzanine Level

Hollywood Glam - Gala Dinner

7.00pm-11.00pm

Glen Albyn Estate

338 Channel Hwy

Taroona TAS 7053



Frogmore Creek Winery



Glen Albyn Estate



Bruny Island

Coaches depart at 6.30pm from Campbell Street (side of the Hotel). Directions available.

Glen Albyn Estate is a unique private Tasmanian venue which is perched above the shores of Hobart's Derwent River, which has stunning panorama and expansive views of Storm Bay, Bruny Island and far beyond. Set on 15 acres of water-bound lush Tasmanian bush land, Glen Albyn Estate's sprawling grounds and exceptional facilities offer a feast of possibilities including local stunning Tasmanian food. You will feel a world away, whilst being just 15 minutes from the Hobart CBD

Strings Quartet: Strings on Fire
Disc Jockey: Nightlife
Hosts: Drs Grant Shoebridge and Annabella Newton

Hospitality Suite
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
(non-exclusive use)

Arm bands will be issued for every night. To be collected at registration desk upon arrival.

From 10.00pm-12.30am
 Hotel Grand Chancellor (Atrium Bar)

Name Tags must be worn at all times!

Optional

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL

Annual Fun Run & Walk 7.00am

Join the 2023 Annual Fun Run (5km) or walk (2.5km). Participants are to meet outside the front of reception.

SATURDAY, 29 MAY

Bruny Island Tour (Optional Saturday Tour)

- Depart Hobart 7:45am
 - Bruny Island Ferry
 - 9.30am Bruny Island Cheese and Beer exclusive tasting
 - 10.30am The Neck Lookout
 - 11:30 Mavista rainforest walk or Two Tree Point
 - 12:00pm Lunch Pennicotts – oysters, main meal and two glasses wine, beer, cider
 - 1.45pm Whisky and fudge HIBA/Bruny Island Chocolate
 - 2.45pm Bruny Island Honey – take home tasting/mead
 - 3.00pm Bruny Island House of Whisky
 - 5.30pm return to Hobart
- The day would include private return guided bus tour

from Hobart, ferry crossing, tastings, lunch with two glasses wine, beer, cider and island sightseeing.

- Enjoy award winning cheeses, premium wines and beer, freshly shucked oysters, handmade fudge, local honey. Ice cream, mead and a delicious lunch at Pennicott's beachside restaurant with sweeping views of Adventure Bay
- Meet and hear the stories of island producers including an exclusive private cheese and beer experience at Bruny Island Cheese Company
- Take in the glorious views from the iconic Neck Lookout
- Walk along pristine sandy beaches
- Step back in time with a walk through the ancient Mavista Rainforest and breathe in the cleanest air as you stroll under the towering canopy
- Search for rare white wallabies on our

private reserve

- Be inspired by island stories of flora, fauna and history as told by our local guides and storytellers.
- Delight in a relaxing tour of HIBA's 50 acres of private English and native gardens overlooking Adventure Bay, before being treated to fudge in the tranquil surrounds.
- Possibly, the sweetest spot on the island, Bruny Island Honey provides the perfect stop to indulge your sweet tooth. Take in the bush surroundings as you enjoy a honey ice cream. We also have a gift of honey mead for you to take home, often referred to as the nectar of the gods.

Tour Duration: Approx 9 ½ hours
 Cost: \$190.00 per person fully inclusive
 \$150.00 per child

Program

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL

2.00pm - 5.00pm **Registration – Mezzanine Level**
Secretariat – Chancellor Room 5

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL

9.00am - 5.00pm **Registration – Mezzanine Level**
Secretariat – Chancellor Room 5

Business Sessions
Grand Ballroom

8.55am – 9.00am **Welcome and Opening of Conference by Janelle Borham, IPTA President**

9:00am – 10:00am **The Matrix of the Metaverse and Trade Marks**
SPEAKER:
Ben Fitzpatrick
VICTORIAN BAR
CHAIR:
Anna Makrigiorgos
IPTA PAST PRESIDENT

10:00am – 10:30am **Morning Tea**
Mezzanine Level

10:30am – 12:30pm **Super Session Forget Paris – Assessing the inherent registrability of trade marks under section 41**
PANELISTS:
Justice Julia Baird
FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT OF AUSTRALIA
Nicholas Butera
DAVIES COLLISON CAVE
Professor Michael Handler
UNIVERSITY OF NSW
Blake Knowles
IP AUSTRALIA
CHAIR:
Ian Drew
IPTA COUNCILLOR

12.30pm – 1:30pm **Lunch**
Mezzanine Level

1:30pm – 2:30pm **Fast and Furious: Is your trade mark appeal a suitable vehicle for special leave to the High Court?**
SPEAKER:
Siobhan Ryan KC
VICTORIAN BAR
CHAIR:
Dr Andrew Jones
IPTA COUNCILLOR

2:30pm – 3:30pm: **Back to the Future – A short sojourn [and update] in New Zealand**
SPEAKER:
Clive Elliott KC
NZ BAR
CHAIR:
Anna Johnston
IPTA COUNCILLOR

3:30pm – 3:45pm **Afternoon Tea**
Mezzanine Level

3:45pm – 5:00pm **The Year of Living Dangerously; TM Update 2023**
SPEAKER:
Ed Heerey KC
NSW BAR
CHAIR:
Christine Emmanuel
IPTA VICE-PRESIDENT

6.30pm – 9.30pm **Welcome Reception**
AURA, Hobart
Coaches depart 6.00pm from Hotel Grand Chancellor

10.00pm - 12.30am **Hospitality Suite**
Atrium Bar

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL

7.00am – 8.00am **Annual Fun Run and Walk**
Meet in hotel lobby

8.30am - 5.00pm **Registration - Mezzanine Level**
Secretariat – Chancellor Room 5

Business Sessions
Grand Ballroom

9.00am – 10:00am **IPTA Annual General Meeting and President's Address**
Grand Ballroom

10.00am – 10:15am **Morning Tea**
Mezzanine Level

10:15am – 11:15am **Keynote Session When Worlds Collide – The intersection between public health, trade policy and the intellectual property system**
SPEAKER:
Antony Taubman
DIRECTOR WTO
CHAIR:
Janelle Borham
IPTA PRESIDENT

11:15am – 12:00pm **It's a Wonderful Life – Wellbeing Economics and IP Policy**
SPEAKER:
Professor Andrew Christie
MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY
CHAIR:
Jennifer McEwan
IPTA VICE-PRESIDENT

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Flash of Genius, is Australia the underdog on the global stage of innovation?**
Dr Andrew Blattman
IPH LIMITED
CHAIR:
Michael Caine
IPTA IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

1:00pm - 2:00pm **Lunch**
Mezzanine Level

2.00pm – 2:30pm **Magic Mike: IP Australia strips down**
SPEAKER:
Michael Schwager
IP AUSTRALIA
CHAIR:
Janelle Borham
IPTA PRESIDENT

2:30pm – 3:30pm **The Da Vinci Code of Conduct - Solving the mystery of matters that come before the TTIPAB**
SPEAKER:
Veg Tran
TTIPAB
CHAIR:
Dr John Landells
IPTA COUNCILLOR

3:30pm – 4:00pm **Afternoon Tea**
Mezzanine Level

4:00pm – 5:00pm **YIPTA Sessions**

4.00pm - 4.30pm **Knives Out: A patent marking mystery**
SPEAKER:
Chor Lai
FB RICE

4.30pm – 5.00pm **Rear Window: The prior use exemption for patent infringement**
SPEAKER:
Jacqueline Simpkin
GRIFFITH HACK
CHAIR:
Dr Annabella Newton
IPTA COUNCILLOR

6.00pm - 7.00pm **Past President's & Guests Cocktail Party**
Evolve Bar, MACq01 Hotel
(by invitation only)

7.00pm - 10.30pm **Dinner at Frogmore Creek**
Frogmore Creek Winery, Coal River Valley Including Movie Quiz Night with prizes to be won
Quiz Master: Jennifer McEwan

10.30pm - 12.30am **Hospitality Suite**
Atrium Bar

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL

- 7.15am - 8.30am** **(i) Corporate Members Breakfast and Presentation**
(Harbour View Room 1)
SPEAKER:
Dr Alistair Scott
VICE PRESIDENT, AIRBUS
CHAIR:
Anna Johnston
IPTA COUNCILLOR
- 7.15am - 8.30am** **(ii) YIPTA Members Breakfast and Presentation**
(Chancellor Room 6)
SPEAKER:
Clive Elliott, KC
NZ BAR
CHAIR:
Dr Annabella Newton
IPTA COUNCILLOR
- 7.15am - 8.30am** **(iii) Small Firm Members Breakfast and Presentation**
(Harbour View Room 2)
SPEAKERS:
Dr Andrew Jones
IPTA COUNCILLOR
Jennifer McEwan
IPTA VICE-PRESIDENT
- 8.30am - 5.00pm** **Registration - Mezzanine Level**
Secretariat – Chancellor Room 5
- Business Sessions**
Grand Ballroom
- 8:45am – 11:00am** **Super Session The Verdict on Patenting Medical Innovation**
SPEAKERS:
Justice Helen Rofe
FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA
Katrina Howard SC
SELBOURNE CHAMBERS
Grant Fisher
CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH
Sarah Smith
IP AUSTRALIA
CHAIR:
Dr Grant Shoebridge
IPTA COUNCILLOR

- 11.00am - 11.30am** **Morning Tea**
Mezzanine Level
- 11:30am – 12:30pm** **Keynote Session Airbus - Having The Right Stuff**
SPEAKER:
Dr Alistair Scott
VICE PRESIDENT, AIRBUS
CHAIR:
Brendan Cheong
IPTA COUNCILLOR
- 12:30pm – 1:15pm** **Endgame: Attorney/lawyer strategies and what's about to change**
SPEAKER:
Melissa McGrath
NSW BAR
CHAIR:
Dr Mike Zammit
IPTA COUNCILLOR
- 1.15pm - 2.30pm** **Lunch**
Mezzanine Level
- 1:15pm - 2:30pm** **IPTA Wellness Lunch**
Harbour View Room 1
SPEAKER:
Dr Qusai Hussain
CYBER CLINIC
TOPIC:
9 to 5 - How to be assertive while maintaining collaboration in the workplace
CHAIR:
Allira Hudson-Gofers
IPTA COUNCILLOR
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm** **Judicial law making – The Good, the Bad, the Ugly**
SPEAKER:
David Shavin KC
VICTORIAN BAR
CHAIR:
Philip Gehrig
IPTA COUNCILLOR

- 3:30pm – 5:00pm** **Close Encounters of the Third Kind : A journey through recent Australian patent cases**
SPEAKER:
Ian Horak SC
VICTORIAN BAR
CHAIR:
Dr Claire Gregg
IPTA COUNCILLOR
- Tea/Coffee available in the the Mezzanine from 3:00pm onwards
- 5.30pm** **Closing of Conference by Janelle Borham, IPTA President**
- 7.00pm - 11.00pm** **Hollywood Glam – Gala Dinner**
Glen Albyn Estate, Hobart
- Coaches depart 6.30pm from Hotel Grand Chancellor
7.00pm - 11.00pm Dinner
- STRINGS QUARTET:**
Strings on Fire
DISC JOCKEY:
Nightlife
HOSTS:
Drs Grant Shoebridge and Annabella Newton
- 11.00pm – 1.00am** **Hospitality Suite**
Atrium Bar

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Optional Activity

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Speakers

Justice Julia Baird



Her Honour Judge Julia Baird was appointed to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in 2018, following a successful career as an intellectual property barrister at the New South Wales Bar. At the Court, Judge Baird established the

National Intellectual Property List and IP Practice Area. She is the IP List's national coordinating judge.

Prior to her Honour's appointment to the Court, her Honour appeared in significant IP cases in the High Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the Copyright Tribunal, and the Offices of IP Australia (trade marks and patents), for diverse clients, including government, Australian and international corporations, and individuals, in a broad range of technologies and industry sectors. Her Honour was called to the Bar in 1992, and appointed Senior Counsel in 2008.

In 2021 the Court was renamed the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Division 2.

Dr Andrew Blattman



Andrew was appointed as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of IPH in November 2017.

Andrew has nearly 30 years' experience in the intellectual property profession, having joined IPH Group member firm Spruson & Ferguson in 1995. He was appointed as a Principal of Spruson & Ferguson in 1999 and served as CEO of the firm from 2015 to 2017. Under his leadership, Spruson & Ferguson significantly expanded its footprint in the Australian and Asian IP markets – opening new offices in Melbourne, Beijing, Hong Kong SAR, Jakarta, and Bangkok. Andrew was appointed Director of Spruson & Ferguson Asia in 2001, a position he still holds today.

Since Spruson & Ferguson's incorporation and the listing of IPH on the ASX in 2014, Andrew has played a key role in the development and growth of the IPH Group. He has a deep knowledge and understanding of the IPH business and the environment in which the company operates.

Nicholas Butera



Nicholas has more than 10 years' experience specialising in all aspects of trade mark law and practice.

His areas of practice include the prosecution of Australian and New Zealand trade mark applications, availability searches, opposition proceedings, removal actions and the enforcement of trade marks and related rights. He has also assisted a number of local clients in protecting and managing their trade marks internationally.

Nicholas's clients include a number of international and local clients across multiple sectors, including both well-known and SME companies in the retail services, food and beverage, luxury goods, financial services, clothing, mining and technology/computer software sectors.

Nicholas has particular expertise in Australian and New Zealand opposition matters, as well as in the area of the protection and enforcement of geographical indications. He has authored articles published in the *World Trademark Review*, the *Word Trademark Review Daily* and the *IPSANZ Journal*, and has also drafted, or assisted in the drafting of, submissions on behalf of stakeholders to various trade mark law and practice consultations, including the consultations on the possible new geographical indications right. Nicholas holds a Master of Intellectual Property Law from the University of Melbourne and is a Fellow of IPTA.

Prior to joining DCC in 2014, Nicholas worked in an IP litigation team at a leading Australian law firm in Melbourne, with a focus on trade mark and geographical indication related advice, opposition and enforcement matters.

Professor Andrew F. Christie



Andrew Christie was appointed the foundation Chair of Intellectual Property at Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne, in 2002. He has degrees in Science and in Law from the University of Melbourne, an LLM from the

University of London, and a PhD from the University of Cambridge. Admitted to legal practice in Australia and the United Kingdom, he worked for many years in the IP departments of law firms in Melbourne and London. He is a former Fulbright Senior Scholar, and has held appointments at the University of Cambridge, Duke University, the National University of Singapore, and the University of Toronto.

Speakers

Clive Elliott KC



Clive is a barrister, patent attorney and arbitrator. He is ranked by Chambers and Partners as "one of New Zealand's leading IP silk's" with a "particular flare when it comes to handling especially complex matters". Clive is a fellow of the

Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand and a panel member of the Institute's IP list.

Clive is a former President of the New Zealand Bar Association. He is a past council member of the Legal Practice Division of the International Bar Association (IBA), a past chair of the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee of the IBA and a past president of the Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand (IPSANZ). He was also convenor of the Intellectual Property Committee of the New Zealand Law Society for a decade, and remains on the committee.

He is a co-author of the Lexis Nexis loose-leaf texts: Copyright and Design; and Patents and Trade Marks. He is a frequent writer and commentator on IP and information technology issues and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Intellectual Property Forum. He is named in the International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers, the International Who's Who of Internet & E-Commerce Lawyers and the World Trademark Review's World's Leading Trademark Professionals.

Grant Fisher



A lawyer and registered patent and trade mark attorney with over 30 years' experience, Grant is an established national and international expert in patent litigation.

His practice as a partner at Corrs Chambers Westgarth focusses on patent litigation, specifically in re-examinations and oppositions in the Patent Office and in appeals, revocation and infringement proceedings in the Federal Court and High Court.

Grant's patent work covers a wide field of technologies, including chemistry, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices, mining, computer-related inventions and mechanical devices. Aiding his experience in life sciences is Grant's science qualification in chemistry.

Grant is a committee member of the AIPPI Free Trade Agreements Standing Committee. He is also a member of the Intellectual Property Section of the Australian Law Council.

Ben Fitzpatrick



.Ben Fitzpatrick is a barrister at the Victorian Bar and a Registered Patent and Trade Mark Attorney. He is a Senior Research Fellow at Melbourne University. Ben has practised in IP for last twenty five years specialising in patents and trade marks. He is married with three children and lives in Richmond.

Professor Michael Handler



Michael is a Professor and the Head of the School of Private and Commercial Law in the Faculty of Law & Justice at the University of New South Wales. He researches in the field of intellectual property law, focusing in particular on national and international trade mark law

Michael is the co-author, with Professor Robert Burrell, of Australian Trade Mark Law (3rd ed, LexisNexis, forthcoming 2023), one of the leading texts on the topic. He is also the co-author, with Professors Kathy Bowrey, Dianne Nicol, Jane Nielsen and Kimberlee Weatherall, of Australian Intellectual Property: Commentary, Law and Practice (3rd ed, Oxford University Press, 2021). He has written numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters on various aspects of local and international trade mark law, in publications including the *Melbourne University Law Review*, *Federal Law Review*, *UNSW Law Journal*, *Trademark Reporter*, the *Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal*, and the *Australian Intellectual Property Journal*.

Michael is also the chair of the Trade Marks Subcommittee of the Law Council of Australia's Intellectual Property Committee, and a member of IP Australia's Trade Marks and Designs Consultation Group

Ed Heerey KC



Ed is a Senior Counsel admitted in Australia and New Zealand.

Ed mainly conducts trials and appeals in the Federal Court of Australia. He also appears in patent and trade mark opposition proceedings at IP Australia, in the Australian Copyright Tribunal and the Australian Competition Tribunal.

Ed is a registered Trade Marks Attorney and a Senior Fellow of the University of Melbourne Law School where he teaches in the post-graduate intellectual property programme.

Ian Horak SC



Ian is a Senior Counsel at the Victorian Bar. He has close to 20 years' experience as Counsel appearing in a range of intellectual property matters concerning patents and trade mark rights. He is also qualified as both Counsel and

a registered Trans-Tasman attorney, and holds a degree in Chemical Engineering (First Class Honours) in addition to his legal qualifications.

He is a senior fellow at Monash University and a co-author of the seminal text on the law of trade marks, Shanahan's Australia Law of Trade Mark and Passing Off (5th, 6th and 7th editions).

Speakers

Katrina Howard SC



Katrina has practised as a barrister in Sydney for 25 years including 15 years as a silk. With her strong technical background in life sciences, after training at Davies Collison Cave, her career has focussed on litigation relating to patents especially

for pharmaceuticals and biotechnology including vaccines, gene-editing, antibodies and biosimilars, as well as medical devices, but she practises in all areas of technology including chemistry, physics and IT. Through studies in Cambridge, UK, attending international conferences such as BIO and Patski, her door tenancy at 3 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London, and involvement in many cases as part of complex global litigation, she has a thorough knowledge of patent laws in the US, UK and Europe, as well as Australia.

Katrina has been internationally recognised by corporate counsel as the best barrister practising in Australia in patent litigation in life sciences: Client Choice Awards 2022, Life Sciences. In 2022, she was also named by Who's Who Legal as Global Elite Thought Leader in Life Sciences: Patent Litigation. Katrina is the first (and only) female silk ranked in the top band in Intellectual Property in Australia by Chambers & Partners, Asia-Pacific Guide, from 2020-2023. During that time, she has also been named as one of the Best Barristers and Recommended as Leading Intellectual Property Senior Counsel in Doyles Guide, Australia.

Katrina acted as the Patent and Trade Marks Disciplinary Tribunal from 2012-2018. She is also an accredited mediator for patent disputes.

Dr Qusai Hussain



Dr. Qusai Hussain is a board-endorsed Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and a Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society's College of Clinical Psychologists and College of Forensic Psychologists. He has over 20 years'

experience in the mental healthcare sector having worked in general and forensic mental health, hospitals, prisons, community organisations and the corporate sector. He is the CEO & Director of Cyber Clinic - an AI driven online mental health platform which works with Australian businesses, Government and Insurance to help them provide on demand mental health services to their employees, clients and members. Cyber Clinic uses smart technology and data-driven algorithms to support consumers through their entire mental health journey - from finding their best-fit psychologist, through to the consultation, and to help them track their wellbeing long-term.

Chor Lai



Chor is an associate in FB Rice's Melbourne engineering team. He has a particular interest in mechanical devices and systems, and works across the mining, manufacturing, construction, and medical technology sectors.

Before becoming a patent attorney, Chor spent several years as a mining and materials handling engineer, working closely with several Australian mines and ports.

Outside of IP, Chor is a keen cyclist and a slow runner. He is hoping to improve his last-place finish in the previous IPTA Fun Run.

Blake Knowles



Blake is currently acting as the Director of the Quality, Practice, and Customers ('QPC') section of Trade Marks and Designs, IP Australia. QPC has responsibility for managing the trade marks and designs quality review and

improvement system, technical practice procedures (including updates to the Trade Mark and Designs Manuals), ongoing examiner technical training, and stakeholder relationships on technical matters.

Prior to commencing in this role, Blake was a trade mark Hearing Officer. Blake has decided opposition and ex parte matters on a wide variety of grounds. In a past life at IP Australia (before returning in 2021) Blake was an examination team leader and trainer, and worked on technical practice, and domestic and international policy matters.

In between stints at IP Australia, Blake practised as a trade marks attorney between 2010-2021, including as Principal of the Spruson & Ferguson trade mark team in Brisbane. In this role, Blake managed a large local and international client base, including acting on behalf of some of Australia's largest trade mark filers.

Blake regularly speaks at educational events on trade mark topics, and is particularly interested in raising awareness and knowledge of trade mark issues amongst generalist legal practitioners.

Melissa McGrath



Melissa holds a Bachelor of Science (biochemistry) / Bachelor of Laws (UQ), Master of Commercial Laws (Melb), is a registered trade marks attorney and has undertaken executive leadership training at Harvard Business

School. She has been recognised as a leading IP lawyer by Chambers & Partners, WTR and IAM Patent. Her patent litigation experience includes that regarding Viagra, Escitalopram, Olanzapine, Apple v Samsung, Voxson, the Domino's Pizza Tracker and various oppositions for Mylan (Alphapharm) against prostate cancer and HIV patents; her trade mark experience includes the registration of Cadbury's colour purple, Weber Stephen's shape mark for the Weber Q bbq, anti-counterfeiting programs for Ferrari and Chanel and trade mark oppositions for clients including Armani and Big Heart Pet Inc (a JM Smucker Company); and her copyright experience includes work before the Full Federal Court on appeal from the Copyright Tribunal for Universal Music, Sony Music and Warner Chapell Music and enforcement of foreign decisions in Australia for Australian music royalties. Melissa practised as a solicitor for 18 years before joining the NSW Bar in 2022.

Siobhan Ryan KC



Siobhan Ryan KC is an experienced intellectual property lawyer and registered trade mark attorney, specialising in trade marks and copyright. She also advises and appears in trade practices, passing off and designs matters. She has been

consistently recognised in the Intellectual Property category in Best Lawyers, Doyles Guide and the World Trademark Review's, Leading Trade Mark Professionals.

Siobhan is the President of the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Disciplinary Tribunal.

Speakers

Justice Helen Rofe



Justice Rofe was appointed to the Federal Court on 12 July 2021.

Justice Rofe graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Science in 1988, a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1992

and a Master of Laws in 1995. Justice Rofe was admitted as a legal practitioner to both the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court of Australia in 1993 and began her career as a solicitor at Sly & Weigall (now Deacons). She practised as Special Counsel at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks (now Allens) from 1994 and commenced as a Senior Associate at Blake Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst) in 2000.

Justice Rofe was called to the Bar in 2001, taking silk in 2014. At the Bar, she specialised in science and technology related matters. She has significant experience in representing clients in the pharmaceutical, agricultural, mining, and manufacturing industries.

Justice Rofe was Junior Vice President of the Victorian Bar Council in 2021 and was the President of the Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand from 2007 to 2009.

Michael Schwager



As Director General since 2018, Michael has led IP Australia on a customer-focused, digital-first strategy. As well as seeing unprecedented growth in IP rights during the pandemic, IP Australia has been a test bed of public sector innovation

and digital transformation.

Prior to his appointment, Michael spent three years as Chief Operating Officer at the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. He also spent time as acting Chief Operating Officer at CSIRO.

Michael's career across industry, innovation and science policy has included responsibility for implementing innovation programs including the \$3B R&D tax incentive; developing med-tech, pharma-bio, small business and industry policy; attracting foreign investment into Australian high-tech industries; leading trade and multilateral negotiations in food, agriculture and energy.

From 2012 to 2015, Michael was Minister-Counsellor (Industry, Science and Education) at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC. He also spent five years in Parliament House as a researcher and speechwriter, and two years as an auditor for a large multinational accounting firm.

Michael has a Bachelor of Economics and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Dr. Alistair Scott



Alistair is a New Zealand, Australian and European qualified Patent Attorney.

His technical background is experimental nuclear physics and has divided his career in IP between private and in-house

legal practice, initially working in New Zealand and the UK and subsequently in industrial IP practice, working for Hewlett Packard specialising in European and emerging market Intellectual Property matters. He joined Airbus in 2005 as head of IP for Airbus UK and took up the role of Global Head of Intellectual Property for Airbus and Airbus Group in 2010.

His current responsibility covers the Airbus Group including primarily Airbus Commercial Aircraft. He is not only responsible for the management of the overall Airbus IP function, he additionally maintains operational activity in IP litigation, IP strategy and partnership IP policy development.

Alistair is a fellow of the RAeS (Royal Aeronautical Society) and sits on the Council of the IP Federation in the UK.

David Shavin KC



David Shavin was admitted as a solicitor in Victoria in 1977, has practised as a barrister since 1978, and a Queens Counsel, now Kings Counsel, since 1993, primarily in the fields of Patent, Trade Marks, and Competition Law in Australia and

New Zealand.

David appears regularly in trials in the federal courts in Australia and the High Court in New Zealand, and conducts appeals in the Federal Court in Australia, the Court of Appeal in New Zealand and in both the Australian High Court and the NZ Supreme Court.

In recent years, he has been involved in several key patent cases developing, in the Australian High Court, the boundaries of manner of manufacture in the context of isolated nucleic acids (Myriad) and computer implemented inventions (Aristocrat) as well as AI as an inventor (DABUS) and exploring issues of the nature of a patentee's rights in Calidad in addition to appearing in a number of cases dealing particularly with life sciences patents and in trade mark matters.

Since about 1983, David has been a member of the Law Council Business Law Section Intellectual Property and Trade practices (now Competition and Consumer Act) Committees. Since about 1999 David has been a member of both the Law Council/Federal Court and the Law Council Federal Magistrates Court (now Federal Circuit and Family Courts) liaison committees and at the request of Chief Justice Black, in 2002 and subsequent years, undertook substantial work for the Federal Court and on behalf of the Law Council on the development of a case management system to be implemented with the Individual Docket System

Speakers

Jacqueline Simpkin



Jacqueline has worked in intellectual property law since 2020 and has been involved in a number of matters ranging from patent, design and trade mark litigation, commercial licensing and agreements, intellectual property valuations and

competition and consumer law matters.

Prior to completing her qualifications in law and chemistry at Monash University, Jacqueline was a student of dentistry, successfully completing the first two years of a five-year degree program before changing career direction. Jacqueline worked as a pathology nurse alongside her university studies, and has a particular interest in medical innovations.

With a degree in chemistry, Jacqueline is interested in the synthesis and commercialisation of new chemical agents, including in the agricultural, biomedicine and materials sciences fields. Jacqueline also has experience with energy and resources technologies having worked with relevant policies for the Victorian Government.

Sarah Smith



Sarah is the Supervising Examiner of the Patent Oppositions and Hearings section within IP Australia. She is an experienced hearing officer and has issued decisions across a range of technologies, in particular the life sciences, in relation

to issues including patent validity, entitlement and extensions of term for pharmaceutical patents. Sarah is also involved in managing litigation involving the Commissioner of Patents and training and developing hearing officers.

Previously, Sarah worked as an examiner and senior examiner in chemical examination sections and headed the examination section dealing with pharmaceutical patent applications.

Sarah completed a PhD in bioinorganic chemistry at the University of Queensland in 2008 and a Master of Industrial Property at University of Technology Sydney in 2014.

Antony Taubman



Antony Taubman is currently Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division of the World Trade Organization, with responsibilities including the WTO Agreement on Trade-

Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and coordination of work on interlocking public health, trade and intellectual property issues, most recently the international pandemic response. From 2002 to 2009, he was Director, Global Intellectual Property Issues Division of WIPO, covering programs on traditional knowledge, the life sciences, public health and the environment. He earlier served in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) as a disarmament policy officer and with diplomatic postings to Tehran and the Hague; from 1998 to 2001 as Director of the International Intellectual Property Section. In 2001, he joined the newly formed Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture, at the Australian National University, teaching and researching on international IP law. Postgraduate teaching appointments at several universities include curriculum design and teaching at the University of Melbourne, the Australian National University, and Queensland University of Technology, as well as numerous contributions to other educational and training programs in many countries. A registered patent and trademark attorney, he worked in private practice in the law of patents, trade marks and designs in Melbourne in the 1980s. In 2008, the Rockefeller Foundation awarded him a Bellagio residential fellowship for his work on TRIPS and public policy issues.

Veg Tran



Veg Tran is an Australian IP lawyer with extensive litigation experience before the High Court, Federal Court and Australian Patent Office. Veg has been a member of the TTIPAB since 2018, and leads the Board's Discipline

Subcommittee, which considers complaints against registered IP attorneys and other professional conduct matters.

Veg has a First Class Honours degree in biotechnology and outside her work on the Board, Veg is a Special Counsel at global law firm, King & Wood Mallesons. Given her technical training and industry experience with some of Australia's leading research and development organisations, Veg's practice has a specific focus in the life sciences, biotechnology, pharmaceutical/biopharmaceutical and food and agricultural technology industries.

Veg has the privilege of thoroughly enjoying her role in the IP field, which brings her to the intersection of science, innovation and the law. Veg is proud to serve on the Board and to contribute to the development of the IP profession.

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