



## James Wallace

### Patent Attorney

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## OVERVIEW

James is a patent attorney in the Intellectual Property group. James advises clients on the prosecution of patents in most technology sectors including organic chemistry, organometallic chemistry, materials science, mechanical inventions, IT, manufacturing, and artificial intelligence.

James is a commercially minded patent attorney, who advises clients on how their patents can fit strategically into their wider intellectual property objectives. James employs a wholistic approach when providing patent advice to clients.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

In 2019, James graduated with a Bachelor of Science with Honours from the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. His thesis was titled 'Development of an SP-hybridised carbon coupling method inspired by Atom Transfer Radical Polymersation (ATRP)'.

Whilst completing Honours, James began a Master of Intellectual Property Law at the University of Technology, Sydney in order to obtain registration as a patent and trade mark attorney.

Prior to joining K&L Gates, James worked as a trade mark and patent attorney at a boutique law firm in Sydney.

James has prosecuted a multitude of patent applications across multiple industries before both IP Australia and the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand.

In addition, he has prosecuted trade mark applications, successfully overcome examiners objections and managed oppositions and non-use applications.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Finalist, Plan Your Own Enterprise, Certified Practicing Accountants Australia (CPA), 2016
- Honours Financial Scholarship, 2019

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, The Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI), 2020-current

## EDUCATION

- Master in Intellectual Property Law, University of Technology, Sydney, 2022
- B.S., Australian National University, 2019 (*Organic Chemistry and Synthesis*)

## ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- High Court of New Zealand

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 15 March 2024, Full Court Parks Trial Judge's Decision in Carpark Patent Fight
- 17 January 2024, PayPal Inc. [2023] APO 54: PayPal Machine Stalls in the Face of Intangible Resistance
- 1 December 2023, Burger Wars: The Big Beef Between McDonald's and Hungry Jack's—*McD Asia Pacific LLC v. Hungry Jack's Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 1412
- 26 September 2023, In Starch Contrast: Australian Patent Office Makes Key Finding on Use of Trade Marks in Patent Specifications

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Drafting provisional specifications in most technology areas for SME's, corporates, and international companies.
- Prosecuting multiple applications before IP Australia and the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand for a leading US security and lock company.
- Providing an infringement and validity search and advice letter with regards to the commercialisation of sporting apparatus intended for use in an international competition.
- Advising a multinational corporation on a freedom to operate search in Australia with respect to a sleep apnea mask.

- Prosecuting local and overseas applications for an ASX-listed client who is focused on green energy, renewables, and innovative refinery systems.