



## Chris Round

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## OVERVIEW

Chris Round is a global practice group coordinator for the intellectual property (IP) procurement & portfolio management group. He is an IP lawyer with extensive experience in the registration of intellectual property rights and associated litigation. He represents clients in copyright, trade mark, designs and associated trade practices litigation in all Australian Courts.

Chris prosecutes trade mark applications and oppositions before IP Australia, the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) and across the world. He manages the trade mark portfolio of many Australian and international companies and provides strategic advice on the registrability of a diverse range of trade marks in Australia and overseas. In addition, Chris regularly prepares intellectual property due diligence reports.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in the World's Leading Trademark Professionals by *World Trademark Review* 1000 (2020)
- Leading Lawyer for Victorian Contentious IP Lawyers, Recommended for Victorian Non-Contentious IP Lawyers and Recommended in the Australia-wide list of IP Lawyers, *Doyle's Guide* (2019)
- Finalist, Partner of the Year Awards – Intellectual Property, 2017, *Lawyers Weekly*
- Leading Intellectual Property Lawyers Australia, *Doyle's Guide* (2018)
- Leading Contentious Intellectual Property Lawyers, Victoria *Doyle's Guide* (2018)
- Leading Non-Contentious Intellectual Property Lawyers, Victoria *Doyle's Guide* (2015, 2018)
- Leading Copyright & Soft IP Lawyer, Victoria, *Doyle's Guide* (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Leading Trademark Lawyer, Victoria, *Doyle's Guide* (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Leading Trademark Lawyer, Australia, *Doyle's Guide* (2017)

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- International Trademark Association Parallel Importation Committee, Asia Pacific and Africa Co-ordinator
- International Trademark Association member
- Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand member
- Australia and New Zealand Sports Law Association member

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Shades of Gray: Current Issues in Parallel Importation Law - A Global Perspective", International Trademark Association Annual Meeting, Boston, United States, 19 May 2019
- Copyright and Social Media: Lessons, Traps and Pitfalls, Legalwise Copyright Practical Applications and Commercialisation Seminar 27 November 2018
- "Protecting your Brand", Dental Practice Owners Conference, Melbourne, 15 June 2017
- "Raising the Bar - The new Australian experience of trademark oppositions" INTA Table Topic in San Diego, United States, 3 May 2015
- "Trade Mark Examination and Hearings Practice Tips", Hosted an event for INTA, 30 July 2014
- "Intellectual Property Issues in an Online World", Learn With Us, 10 July 2014
- "Review of Changes in Opposition Procedures and Trade Mark Disputes", Legalwise Patents and Trademarks Conference, 19 June 2014
- "Issues That Arise When Building a Brand for a New Sports Team or League", INTA Table Topic in Dallas, United States, 4 May 2013
- "Building a Brilliant Brand", IP Australia and Australian Industry Group seminar, 30 May 2012
- "Introduction to Intellectual Property" to a number of accountants and other business advisors, 14 May 2010
- "Protecting IP in the New Media Age", Australia and New Zealand Sports Law Annual Conference, 17 October 2008

## EDUCATION

- LL.M., Monash University, 2010
- B.A., Monash University, 1999
- LL.B., Monash University, 1999 (*Honours*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Federal Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Victoria

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 28 January 2021, Australian Movement Trade Marks: Businesses "Moving" with the Times? (*BlogPost*)
- 15 February 2021, A Welcome Proposal to Introduce a Grace Period Into the Australian Designs Act (*BlogPost*)
- 11 February 2021, High Court of New Zealand Trade Mark Clash Over the Colour Green (*BlogPost*)
- 7 February 2021, New Rules for .au Domain Names to Launch on 12 April 2021 (*BlogPost*)
- 5 November 2020, Air France restrained from using song that infringes "Love Is In The Air" (*BlogPost*)
- 5 October 2020, Protecting Animated Logos – LA28 Ushers In A New Era (*BlogPost*)
- 4 May 2020, Court Finds 'Flagrant' Copyright Infringement of 'Love is in the Air' (*BlogPost*)
- 18 June 2019, SENSIS v SENSES – Federal Court makes findings of deceptive similarity (*BlogPost*)
- 2018, Parallel Imports Welcome in Australia (*Articles*)
- 31 August 2018, New parallel importation laws in Australia (*BlogPost*)
- 24 August 2018, Worth the fight: IP dispute resolution that won't break the bank (*BlogPost*)
- 22 July 2018, Frucor given red card over 'V' green trade mark (*BlogPost*)
- 24 May 2018, Parallel importation law is set to change (*BlogPost*)
- 25 January 2018, Change is Coming to Australian Parallel Importation law – What do you Need to Know? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 29 September 2016, A dog of a trade mark dispute (*BlogPost*)
- 5 September 2016, Green with Envy: Colour Trade Marks in Australia (*BlogPost*)
- 12 August 2016, IP Australia Announces New Official Fee Structure For Australian Trade Marks (*BlogPost*)
- 14 June 2016, When a Picture can be Considered Deceptively Similar to a Word (*BlogPost*)
- 6 May 2016, Is Social Media Sharing of Sports Clips Copyright Infringement? Recent UK Judicial Clarification and International Implications (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 7 January 2016, Additional Damages Under the Trade Marks Act (*BlogPost*)
- 7 January 2016, Bad-Faith Trademark Applications (*BlogPost*)

- January 2016, Trademarks and Unfair Competition Bulletin

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Chris is a leader of the global IP blog 'IP Law Watch' and regularly writes posts to be published on the blog. In addition, he has published the following articles:

- "Protection for original designs in Australia," Intellectual Property Magazine, November 2015
- "Changes in Trade Mark Opposition Procedures in Australia Make it a More Attractive Place to Protect Intellectual Property", Caijing.com.cn legal column, with Xianjin Tian, August 2014
- "Review of Changes in Opposition Procedures After Raising the Bar", Australian Intellectual Property Law Bulletin, Vol.27, No.9 p238, 2014

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 3 June 2021, K&L Gates Lawyers Ranked as 2021 'IP Stars' by Managing IP Magazine (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 30 March 2021, Global Sports Law Symposium (*Event*)
- 25 February 2021, *Australasian Lawyer*: K&L Gates establishes China-focused trademarks agency (*Media Mention*)
- 24 February 2021, *Law.com International*: K&L Gates Launches Chinese Trademarks Agency (*Media Mention*)
- 24 January 2021, *IP Magazine*: K&L Gates launches Chinese IP agency (*Media Mention*)
- 23 February 2021, K&L Gates Enhances Global Trademark Capabilities with Launch of K&L Gates IP Agency (*Press Release, Practice & Regional News*)
- 17 February 2021, K&L Gates, Lawyers Named as IP and Trademark Leaders in 2021 *World Trademark Review 1000* Rankings (*Rankings & Recognitions, Practice & Regional News*)
- 18 February 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Named as IP and Trademark Leaders in 2020 *World Trademark Review 1000* Rankings (*Rankings & Recognitions*)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- IP Litigation

## INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products
- Sports

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Assisting Cricket Australia with the selection of the names for the eight teams constituting the Big Bash League. The work involved trade mark clearance and searching, filing 19 trade mark applications and prosecuting the marks to registration including the negotiation of numerous trade mark co-existence agreements.
- Acting for an aerospace manufacturer in breach of contract and breach of copyright proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia. The case involves detailed questions relating to the interpretation of a contract and whether copyright in a specification has been infringed.
- Numerous copyright infringement proceedings regarding Serbian, Bosnian and Turkish television channels including interlocutory applications and contested proceedings.
- Trade mark and trade practices infringement proceedings brought against our client Digital Post Australia regarding the selection of its name. The proceeding involved defending an urgent interlocutory injunction application, a contested trial and an appeal to the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia. Our client was successful at all stages.
- Acting for McDonald Jones Homes in a number of copyright infringement proceedings including in the Federal Court of Australia regarding its award winning house plan designs.
- Prosecuting, managing and enforcing Australian and international intellectual property portfolios for a range of clients, including Origin Energy Limited and A2B Australia Limited.
- Trade mark portfolio management, prosecution, opposition and litigation work for Origin Energy, FIFA, Landmark Operations Limited, Cricket Australia, National Basketball League, Australian Grand Prix, Asian Restaurant Concepts, A2B Australia, McDonald Jones Homes, Pinnacle Investment Management, Porter Davis Homes, Macnaught, Implus LLC, Traffic Technologies, Costa Group, Aurecon, Rathbone Wine Group, Parnell, Open Universities, Valve Corporation, Zippo, West Australian Football Commission and Deks Industries.
- Acting for Asian Restaurant Concepts (Noodle Box) in proceedings involving claims of trade mark infringement in the Supreme Court of Victoria.
- Represented GM Holden Ltd in relation to seeking to enforce its design rights against Australia's largest spare parts manufacturer SSS Auto, which was the first case in Australia to consider the spare parts defence to the Designs Act 2003 (Cth).
- Anti-counterfeiting proceedings for leading Australian automotive supplier GM Holden concerning the importation, distribution and sale of counterfeit HSV wheel rims. The Federal Court of Australia proceedings

involved 25 respondents and involved an appeal to the Full Court of Australia on the question of director's liability.

- Managing an anti-counterfeiting campaign on eBay for GM Holden including the setting up of a VeRO program and monthly removal and reporting on infringing entries. The program removes many different types of automotive parts from eBay.
- Managing the intellectual property portfolio of the Australian Football League (AFL). This involves protecting the intellectual property of the league and its 18 clubs and advising generally on branding issues for the AFL. In managing this portfolio, we also handled Federal Court of Australia litigation against a national retailer that continued to sell unauthorised product. We were also involved in the selection of the team names for the 17th and 18th AFL teams and has advised regarding numerous domain names and online issues. In 2017 we assisted the AFL with the launch of the highly successful AFLW (AFL Womens) competition which led to an array of new trade mark filings relating to the women's football competition. All of the applications that we cleared were accepted for registration.