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OVERVIEW

Dr. Chris Vindurampulle is a senior associate with the intellectual property team in the firm's Melbourne office.

Chris' experience includes biotechnology, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, agri-technology, food products and processing, and simple mechanical technology.

He is registered to practice before the intellectual property offices of Australia and New Zealand. He is experienced in patent drafting, patent and trade mark prosecution and opposition, and freedom to operate, opinion and due diligence work.

He has gained broad and significant experience in relation with life science technologies including pharmaceuticals, biologics (eg antibodies, proteins and small molecules), medical devices, diagnostics, methods of medical treatment and prevention, agri-technology (transgenics, pesticides and machinery) and food-technology (products and processing technology). Additionally, Chris has experience with alloy design and production, metal casting and processing, and hydrocarbon processing.

Chris is a regular contributor to the research and startup sector, providing education and mentoring on the topics of identifying, protecting and leveraging intangible assets.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Chris was a senior associate at a boutique IP firm where he helped clients protect and leverage their intellectual property rights to achieve commercial success. Chris' focus has been broadly in life sciences.

Following his PhD, Chris was a postdoctoral research scientist where he developed and patented two key technologies related to vaccines.

Prior to transitioning to the IP profession, Chris obtained his PhD degree in microbiology and immunology, and subsequently spent six years as a postdoctoral researcher in vaccine development. During his research career, Chris authored numerous peer reviewed journal articles, and patented key vaccine technologies.

He also contributed to two Bill and Melinda Gates funded grand challenge projects.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Inventor listed on granted U.S. Patents US 8,137,930 and US 8,076,130, and other corresponding foreign applications which are pending. US 8,137,930 has been the subject of a licensing agreement with an Indian biotech company.
- Employed as a researcher on two Bill and Melinda Gates funded Grand Challenges in Global Health initiatives.
- Author listed in nine scientific journal articles.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Institute of Patent and Trademark Attorneys (Ordinary)
- Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand, member

EDUCATION

- Master of Commercial Law, University of Melbourne, 2015
- B.Sc., University of Adelaide, 1994 *Honours (Microbiology and Immunology)*
- Ph.D., University of Adelaide, 1994

ADMISSIONS

- Australian and New Zealand Trademark and Patent Attorney

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 18 November 2020, Australia Aligns with the U.S. and EU by Adopting 'Exhaustion of Rights' Doctrine (*BlogPost*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- Pharma and BioPharma Litigation
- Post-Grant Patents

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising Baxter Healthcare Corporation on its U.S., Australia and New Zealand non-litigation patent work, including prosecution of thousands of patents and applications. Our team also advises Baxter on strategic

patent counseling, patent licensing and negotiations, and freedom-to-operate and enforcement matters. Additionally, we provide EPO counseling (post-grant and strategic enforcement work) and handle several patent litigations per year for Baxter.

- Advising Gambro Lundia AB in relation to a significant portion of Gambro's US, Australia and New Zealand non-litigation patent work, including prosecution of hundreds of patents and applications involving various health care-related technologies, including medical devices and methods of treatment.
- Advising Proteus Digital Health in relation to developing a valuable global patent portfolio to protect Proteus' technology, which includes regularly advising on which technical aspects of the ingestible sensor platform are suitable for patent protection or trade secret protection. Our team also actively engaged in harvesting new ideas, preparing and prosecuting patent applications globally, due diligence efforts, and licensing agreements. We also advise on selecting the optimum global patent strategies, including selecting jurisdictions in which each patent application should be filed and maintained.
- Acting as patent counsel to one of Australia's first and largest universities (also regarded as one of the world's leading universities) which includes clearing, drafting, prosecuting, and managing a global portfolio of patent matters.
- Successful patent opposition matter relating to transgenic oil-producing plants which further clarified the High Court's position on patent eligibility of isolated nucleic acid sequences.
- Negotiated a world-wide co-existence agreement for a client with multinational pharmaceutical company in relation to use and registration of a trademark.
- Working with universities, research institutes and foreign multinationals on patent applications, design protection and general IP protection.