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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Date of Birth: May 26, 1972
Nationality: Australian

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LL.B., University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, 1996;
B.A., University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, 1994;
Diploma in Chinese Language, Beijing No. 2 Foreign Language Institute, 1990.

Bar and Court Admissions:

Hong Kong;
Victoria, Australia;
High Court of Australia.

Accolades/Awards:

One of the leading intellectual property lawyers in Hong Kong in the 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 editions of Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers.
One of the leading intellectual property Lawyers in China in the 2009 edition of Chambers Asia.
A leading intellectual property lawyer in the 2009 edition of Asia Pacific Legal 500.

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LANGUAGES

English, French and Mandarin.

PRESENT POSITION

Barrister of the High Court of Hong Kong.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner and Intellectual Property Specialist, Troutman Sanders, Hong Kong, SAR of China, 2007-2010.

Associate, Jones Day, 2005-2007;
Associate, K & L Gates, 2004-2005;
Associate, Lovells, 2002-2004;
Associate, Middletons, 1998-2001;
Articled Clerk, Middletons, 1997.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

All Intellectual property issues in China, Hong Kong and Asia Pacific.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Hong Kong Bar Association
Asian Patent Attorneys Association;
Hong Kong Institute of Trademark Practitioners.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Experience includes trademark, anti-counterfeiting, copyright, design and patent litigation; registration of trademarks, designs and patents; prosecution of trademark oppositions and cancellation actions; domain name recovery actions and litigation; and trademark counseling and global portfolio management.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Has handled numerous English and Chinese language domain name proceedings, both as a legal representative for complainants, and as a panelist.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

"A Solution for Dealing with Shadow Companies in Hong Kong", *Asian Counsel*, June 2007;
"Tackling the Problem of Company Name Piracy", *Privacy & Data Security Law Journal*, June 2006;
"Watch out for the Shadows", *Financial Times*, March 2006;
"Avoiding the Toothless Tiger – Effective Anti-Spam Legislation for Hong Kong", *World Internet Law Report/Hong Kong Lawyer/The Intellectual Property Forum*, Issue 58, July 2004/August 2004/September 2004;
"Protection of Shape Marks in Australia: Extending the Permanent Monopoly", *The Intellectual Property Forum*, Issue 58, June 2002.

Speaking Engagements:

“Key Aspects in Resolution of Domain Name Disputes in Asia”, ADNDRC Conference, May 22, 2009, Hong Kong;

“The Development of Intellectual Property Rights Law in Hong Kong and China in 2007”, LexOmnibus Seminar, January 28, 2008, Hong Kong;

“IP Protection in Hong Kong and China”, 22nd Annual Technology Law Institute, State Bar of Georgia, October 30, 2007.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Has handled numerous litigation cases in the High Court of Hong Kong and the Federal Court of Australia.
