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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Debrett Gordon LYONS
Australia

Nationality: Australian/British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Fort Street High School, Sydney, 1970-75;
Bachelor of Arts, (Philosophy), University of Sydney, 1989;
Bachelor of Science (Chemistry), University of Sydney, 1982;
Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney, 1985.

FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Admitted as a Solicitor in New South Wales (1985);
Admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales (1991);
Registered Trade Mark Attorney (United Kingdom) (1994);
Registered Trade Mark Attorney (Australia) (2000);
Professional Representative before EUIPO (the European Union Intellectual Property Office) (1996).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES:

G.A.M. Heydon Memorial Prize for Perspectives on Science and Technology (USYD) (1981);
Research Scholar, Department of Law, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University (ANU) (1982-83).

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Arbitrator for IP Australia (the Australian Patent Office) since 2006.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Berwin Leighton Paisner (now, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner), Solicitors, London (1997-2004);
Stevens, Hewlett & Perkins, Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, London (1994-97);
Boult, Wade & Tennant, Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, London (1993 -94);
King & Wood, Mallesons, Solicitors, Sydney (1990-92);
Boult, Wade & Tennant, Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, London (1989-90);
Davies Collison Cave, Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, Sydney (1987-89);
F.B. Rice & Co., Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, Sydney (1985-87).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual property law, litigation

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

British Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA): lecturer (1996-2002); committee member (1997-2004);
director and council member (1998-2004); fellow (2003); treasurer (2004).

WIPO (the World Intellectual Property Organisation): domain name dispute panelist (1999-present);
Panel of IP experts (2002-present).

FORUM (National Arbitration Forum): domain name dispute panelist (2005-present).

HKIAC (Hong Kong International Arbitration Center): domain name dispute panelist (2006-present).

ACDR (Arab Center for Domain Name Dispute Resolution): domain name dispute panelist (2014-present).

UK Government Registration Practice Working Group (Trade Marks): ITMA representative (2000-04).

UK Government Registration Practice Working Group (Designs): ITMA representative (2001-04).

INTA (International Trade Mark Association): committee member (1998-2001).

MARQUES: committee member (2002-04).

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Specialised in IP law for almost 40 years. Former partner and practice group head of one of the major London law firms and for many years was a director and council member of the British Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys.

Former member of an advisory group to the UK Government on matters of legislative reform of IP laws and practice and for the past 16 years has worked for the Australian Federal Government, responsible for administrative decision making in intellectual property opposition proceedings and for advice on legislative matters concerning trade marks and designs.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Arbitration of more than 1,500 domain name disputes and other domain name determinations since 1999.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Seeing, Hearing and Smelling Trademarks – A sign of the Times, (1993) 1 IPA 10;

New Code to Self Regulate Franchising Practice, New South Wales Law Society Journal, April 1993, pp 56-59;

“Works of Artistic Craftsmanship” Remains an Enigma, (1993), 8 IPA 2;

Copyright Law Comes to Trademark Owners’ Rescue, (1993), 10 IPA 2;

Copyright in Trade Marks, 1994, 1 EIPR 21;

Reviewing Novelty and Obviousness in Patent Law, (Part 1), 1994, 1 IPA 2;

Reviewing Novelty and Obviousness in Patent Law, (Part II) 1994, 2 IPA 2;

Sounds, Smells and Signs, (1994), 12 EIPR 540;

Vested Rights unbuttoned (1995), 12 EIPR 608;

Elvis All Shook Up by the High Court, 1997, 10 EIPR 613;

Co-Author, *The Community Trade Mark Handbook*, Sweet & Maxwell, 2001.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Australian Federal Court and UK High Court litigator in actions involving patent, design and trade mark infringement and passing off.
