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Peter Wallis KC practises primarily in general commercial law, class actions, intellectual property and competition law

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Bachelor of Economics
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Appellate | Confidential Information | Copyright & Designs | Trade Marks

TORT LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Negligence | Product Liability | Professional Negligence

Peter joined the bar in 2004 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2020. In his time at the bar he has developed an extensive practice in commercial litigation with particular expertise in intellectual property, contractual disputes, competition law and class actions.

Peter appears regularly in the Supreme and County Courts of Victoria and the Federal Court of Australia and has also appeared in cases in superior courts in New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia.

Peter has appeared for a range of large corporate clients, including Coca Cola Company, Ford Motor Company, Aristocrat Leisure, Monash University, Victoria University of Technology, BetEasy, Philip Morris, Jim's Mowing, Dennis Family Homes, Southcorp Brands, Good Guys, Rockwell Collins, Sirtex Medical, Aspen Pharmacare, Ausnet Services and Centro Retail. Peter has also appeared many times on behalf of the ACCC.

Peter was recently recognized in Doyle's Guide - Leading Victorian Intellectual Property & Technology, Media and Telecommunication Law Senior Counsel Rankings for 2021.

Prior to joining the Bar, Peter was a Senior Associate at Allens Arthur Robinson, where he specialised in intellectual property, commercial litigation and competition law. He read with Stewart Anderson (now Justice Anderson of the Federal Court) and his senior mentor was John Middleton (now Justice Middleton of the Federal Court).

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Recent Cases

COMMERCIAL LAW

Euromark Ltd v Smash Enterprises Pty Ltd [2019] VSC 299

Gagliardi v KP Hicks Real Estate Pty Ltd (No 2) [2018] VCC 1280

Gagliardi v KP Hicks Real Estate Pty Ltd [2018] VCC 745

Asahi Beverages Pty Ltd v RFGA Management Pty Ltd [2018] VSC 606

Guy v Crown Melbourne Limited (No. 2) (2018) 355 ALR 420

Ford Motor Co of Australia Ltd v Tallevine Pty Ltd [2017] NSWSC 1703

Cornerstone Hardware Brokers (Australia) Ptd Ltd v Methven Australia Pty Ltd [2015] VSCA 128

Moama Bowling Club Ltd v The Thomson Group Pty Ltd [2014] VSCA 245

Moama Bowling Club Ltd v The Thomson Group Pty Ltd [2013] VSC 744

Cornerstone Hardware Brokers (Australia) Pty Ltd v Methven Australia Pty Ltd (2014) VCC 945

Austco Enterprises Pty Ltd v Tanduna Pty Ltd [2012] VCC 38

Re Style Ltd; Merim Pty Ltd v Style Ltd (2009) 255 ALR 63

Body Corporate No. 413424R v Sheppard (2008) 20 VR 362

Cadbury Schweppes Pty Ltd v Amcor Ltd (No. 3) [2008] FCA 1668

Body Corporate No 413424R v Sheppard [2007] VSC 179

Victoria University of Technology v Wilson (2006) 68 IPR 597

Thomopoulos v Faulks [2006] VSC 262

Youssef v Victoria University of Technology [2005] VSC 223

CLASS ACTIONS

Kuterba v Sirtex Medical Ltd (No 3) [2019] FCA 1374

Kuterba v Sirtex Medical Ltd [2018] FCA 1467

Liesfield v AusNet Services (Murrindindi bushfire class action, briefed on behalf of AusNet Services)

Collin v Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd (No 2) (2013) FCA 1336 (pharmaceutical class action briefed on behalf of Aspen Pharmacare)

Kirby v Centro Retail Ltd (No 6) [2012] FCA 650 (shareholder class action briefed on behalf of Centro)

Re Opes Prime Stockbroking Ltd (in Liq) (2009) 258 ALR 362

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Urban Alley Brewery Pty Ltd v La Sirene Pty Ltd [2020] FCAFC 186

Urban Alley Pty Ltd v La Sirene Pty Ltd (No.2) [2020] FCA 351

Urban Alley Brewery Pty Ltd v La Sirene Pty Ltd [2020] FCA 82

Sportsbet Pty Ltd v Crownbet Pty Ltd [2018] FCA 1045

Carlisle Homes Pty Ltd v Tick Homes Pty Ltd (2018) 134 IPR 118

Inspire by Sophie Guidolin Pty Ltd v Finch Entertainment Pty Ltd [2017] FCA 1618

Coca Cola Company v PepsiCo Inc (No. 2) [2014] FCA 1287

Placitum Pty Ltd and Jim's Group Pty LLM v Andreotta [2014] FCA 726

JT International SA v Commonwealth of Australia [2012] HCA 43

Attachmate Ltd v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Defence) (Federal Court and Copyright Tribunal of Australia)

Acohs Pty Ltd v Ucorp Pty Ltd [2012] FCAFC 16

Manderson M&F Consulting v Incitec Pivot Ltd [2011] VSCA 444

Barrett Property Group Pty Ltd v Dennis Family Homes Pty Ltd (No. 2) [2011] FCA 276

Barrett Property Group Pty Ltd v Dennis Family Homes Pty Ltd [2011] FCA 246

MMFC v Incitec Pivot Ltd [2010] VSC 63

Acohs Pty Ltd v Ucorp Pty Ltd [2010] FCA 577

Althaus v Australia Meat Holdings Pty Ltd [2009] QSC 5

Acohs Pty Ltd v Ucorp Pty Ltd [2009] FCA 577

Spatialinfo Pty Ltd v Telstra Corporation Ltd [2006] FCA 950

MG Distribution Pty Ltd v Khan (No. 2) (2006) 234 ALR 739

Acohs Pty Ltd v Ucorp Pty Ltd (2006) 236 ALR 143

MG Distribution Pty Ltd v Khan (2006) 230 ALR 352

MG Distribution Pty Ltd v Khan [2005] FMCA 500

MG Distribution Pty Ltd v Luthra [2004] FMCA 1027

TRADE MARKS OFFICE

Iconic Hotels Group Pty Ltd v Geocon Distributions Pty Ltd [2020] ATMO 194 (Opposition)

B Seppelt & Sons Ltd v Blaxland Vineyards Limited [2014] ATMO 88 (Opposition)

BilyaraVinyards Pty Ltd v Guorong Xu [2014] ATMO 56 (Opposition)

Southcorp Brands Pty Ltd v CAN Industries Pty Ltd [2014] ATMO 27 (Opposition)

Vina Concha Y Toro SA v Southcorp Brands Pty Ltd [2012] ATMO 107 (Opposition)

COMPETITION LAW

Director of Consumer Affairs Victoria v Good Guys (Australia) Pty Ltd (2016) 334 ALR 600

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) v Taxsmart Group Pty Ltd [2014] FCA 487

Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC) v HP Superstore Pty Ltd [2013] FCA 1317

Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC) v Launceston Superstore Pty Ltd [2013] FCA 1315

Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC) v Moonah Superstore Pty Ltd [2013] FCA 1314

Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC) v Salecomp Pty Ltd [2013] FCA 1316

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Neighbourhood Energy [2012] FCA 1357

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Hercules Iron Pty Ltd [2008] FCA 1182

Jefferson Ford Pty Ltd v Ford Motor Company of Australia Ltd (2008) 246 ALR 465

Ford Motor Company of Australia Limited v Jefferson Ford Pty Ltd [2007] FCA 998

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Visy Industries Holdings Pty Ltd (No. 3) (2007) 244 ALR 673

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Visy Industries Holdings Pty Ltd (No. 2) (2007) 239 ALR 762

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION TRIBUNAL

Application by Jemena Gas Networks (NSW) Ltd (No 2) [2011] ACompT 5

Application by Energy Australia (No 2) [2009] ACompT 9

Application by EnergyAustralia and Others [2009] ACompT 8

Application by EnergyAustralia [2009] ACompT 7

Memberships

Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand (IPSANZ)