

Natalie Hickey



Natalie Hickey practises in general commercial litigation and is a specialist in intellectual property

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts/Laws (Hons)(Melb)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Sports Law

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Confidential Information | Copyright & Designs | Information Technology | Media & Entertainment | Trade Marks

TORT LAW

Defamation

Natalie also has a keen interest in media related matters, particularly social media. She has acted in many disputes concerning copyright, marketing, brands, confidential information, the Internet and digital technology. She also practises in sports law.

Previously a law firm partner, Natalie holds a Masters degree in media and telecommunications law from the University of Melbourne.

Natalie is recognised in Best Lawyers 2023 in three categories: Litigation, Intellectual Property and Alternative Dispute Resolution. She is also identified by Doyles Guide as a leading Technology, Media and Telecommunications junior counsel in Victoria (2023), and as a leading Intellectual Property junior counsel in Victoria and Australia (2023). The Legal 500 Asia Pacific further recognises Natalie as leading in three categories: Litigation, Intellectual Property and Competition Law (2024). She is also recommended in Who's Who Legal - Trademarks (2023).

Natalie is an experienced private mediator, particularly in IP, competition and consumer law, and defamation matters. She has mediation experience hosting by Zoom during COVID-19.

Natalie has served as a Counsel assisting the Cricket Australia Code of Conduct Commission since the 2017/2018 cricket season.

She is a Board Member of Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company (since November 2017), of the Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners' Association Inc. (TROA) (since May 2016), and of Cottage by the Sea, Inc. (since 1999).

Natalie was an editor of Victorian Bar News from 2017 to 2021.

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Recent Cases

[Trkulja v Dobrijevic & Ors \(No. 2\) \[2014\] VSC 594](#): Supreme Court (Defamation; Amendment of Pleadings - Led by Georgina Schoff KC)

[Trkulja v Dobrijevic & Ors \(No. 3\) \[2014\] VSC 614](#): Supreme Court (Defamation; Immediate costs enforcement - Led by Georgina Schoff KC)

[Comite Interprofessionnel du Vin de Champagne v Rachel Jayne Powell](#): Federal Court VID 1373 of 2013 ("Champagne Jayne case": Australian consumer law; use of 'champagne' - Counsel for Respondent in closing submissions and costs phase with co-counsel Evelyn Tadros)

[Von Marburg v Aldred & Mourik \[2015\] VSC 467](#) and [Von Marburg v Aldred & Mourik \[2016\] VSC 36](#): Supreme Court (Defamation; Amendment of Pleadings; Immediate costs enforcement - Led by Dr Matthew Collins KC)

Dick Smith Investments Pty Ltd v Roger John Ramsey: Federal Court (Syd) NSD 272/2014 ('OZEMITE' and 'AUSSIEMITE' trade mark dispute: Counsel for Respondent in four day trial - unled; judgment pending)

More Group Pty Ltd v Czesler & Ors: Supreme Court 2015 000204 (Cross-vesting application - unled)

Great Vision Education v Happy Education Pty Ltd: Federal Court No. VID 666 of 2015 (Franchise dispute: Counsel for Respondent including injunction application - led by Georgina Costello)

GM Holden Ltd & Ors v S.S.S. Auto Parts Pty Ltd & Ors: Federal Court VID 394/2015 (Designs - Led by Edward Heerey KC for the Respondents - trial pending)

BMW AG & Anor v Samad Tyres Pty Ltd & Ors ; Federal Court VID 913/2015 (Trade Marks - Led by Adrian Ryan SC for the Respondents - settled at mediation)

Lee v Korean Society & Ors : Supreme Court S CI 2013 06474 (Defamation - Led by Simon Wilson KC - settled after Week 1 trial)

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