

Michael Hall SC

Barrister-at-law, Nigel Bowen Chambers

Background and Qualifications

- 2007- Barrister, Nigel Bowen Chambers.
Commercial and equity practice with a focus on intellectual property and real property law.
- 2001-2007 Lecturer in Law, Oxford University
Full time and later part-time lecturer teaching post-graduate courses in intellectual property law, and undergraduate courses in various commercial and property law subjects.
- 1999-2000 Barrister.

General commercial practice at the New South Wales bar, with particular emphasis on intellectual property law and defamation.
- 1992-1999 Baker & McKenzie, Sydney. (Senior Associate 1992-1995, Partner from 1995.)
Commercial and intellectual property practice, particularly in high technology and on-line services, publishing and media law.
- 1988-1992 Solicitor, Phillips Fox, Sydney.
Intellectual property and general commercial law.
- 1987-1988 Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.
Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, researching legal theory.
Harlech Scholarship (1987).
- 1986-1987 New College, Oxford University.
Bachelor of Civil Law.
Senior Scholarship, New College (1986).
- 1983-1986 New College, Oxford University.
BA in Law (Jurisprudence).
First Class Honours (1986).
Distinction in Law Moderations (1984).
Open Academic Scholarship (1984).
Burnett Exhibition (1983).

Notable Cases

APRA v Apple (determining the remuneration for songwriters from digital downloads of songs)

Playcorp v Bodum (on the protection of the design of well-known household products)

Luxottica v Specsavers (misleading and deceptive conduct in comparative advertising)

Optical 88 Limited v Optical 88 Pty Limited, and Austin Nichols & Co v Loadstar (trade mark disputes).

Marsden v Amalgamated Television (variously reported on many interlocutory points of procedural law and the law of evidence (1999-2001) NSWLR Australia's largest defamation case

Australian Olympic Committee v Big Fights Inc (unreported, 2000) on copyright in film of live sporting events.

Publications and papers (selected)

- *Annotated Trade Marks Act 1995 Butterworths, Sydney, 2010*
- *Trade Mark Law in Australia (with D Kell and B Elkington). Butterworths, Sydney 2000.*
- *Place of Publication of Defamatory Material on the internet (2003) 3 OUCLJ 1.*
- *Electing between remedies (conference paper) Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre, 2002.*
- *Conflict of laws: remedies for copyright infringement 9th Copyright Law & Practice*
- *Symposium, Sydney 1999.*

Recognitions

World Trademark Review 2018: Former BBC World Service in-house counsel **Michael Hall SC's** forte lies at the point where intellectual property intersects with the music business and entertainment law. He has overseen a number of landmark matters in the arena, for example, he worked on *APRA v Apple*.

Doyle's Guide 2024 Leading Intellectual Property, Senior Counsel NSW

Best Lawyers 2023, 2025 - Intellectual Property.

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022, 2023, 2024– TMT & IP