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## Overview

I have over 30 years' experience in intellectual property law with a broad base of experience in patents, trademarks, designs and copyright. My strength lies in guiding clients through the stages of a developing patent portfolio.

I also have considerable experience as lead-counsel in inter partes proceedings before the Australian and New Zealand patent offices (oppositions). This experience extends across the full range from setting the strategic direction to hearing submissions and appearance work and working with expert witnesses in preparing evidence. My track record includes a number of significant successes in patent oppositions in Australia.

My role encompasses opinion work in respect of freedom to operate, patentability, invalidity and infringement. I have also been involved with multiple stages of Chinese patent enforcement including investigation, customs seizure, trial, appeal and invalidation proceedings.

## Areas of expertise

- Patents and designs
- My technical expertise lies in the complex mechanical arts and includes a broad spectrum of manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology with particular focus on: industrial equipment including robotics, machine tools, packaging and safety equipment; mining engineering; medical devices and surgery; locks and door hardware; pneumatics and braking systems; electro-mechanical components; security systems including bank note protection and anti-tampering innovations; civil engineering including bridge design, pre-fab and sustainable building; electronic gaming machines; coin and note validation technology.

## Sustained learning

- I am an ongoing chapter author for *Lahore Patents, Trade Marks and Related Rights*, specifically for Chapter 3 – Applications and Examination.
- To keep abreast of case law developments in Australia I run a fortnightly case law workshop to discuss themes in recent case law.
- I present annual lectures in Japan on developments in Australian patent law.