

## Webinar – Wednesday 24 November 2021

# “Inventorship of patents in Australia and New Zealand”

### Synopsis:

Who is the inventor? When did invention happen? What are the consequences of a mistake? These are simple questions, but they can be difficult to answer in practice. It's important to get the answers right, not only to ensure correct attribution, but also to determine ownership of patents and potentially even to protect their validity. In this panel discussion of Australian and New Zealand law, we will review the statutes, the key cases and practical scenarios. Cases under discussion will include *Henry Brothers (Magherafelt) v Ministry of Defence*, *Polwood v Foxworth*, and *University of Western Australia v Gray*.

### Speakers:

#### **Niloufer Selvadurai**

Professor, Program Director, Legal and Ethics of Cyber, Optus Macquarie Cyber Security Hub Professor, Macquarie Law School.

Professor Selvadurai researches and teaches on the effective governance of emerging and evolving technologies. She explores how technological change undermines the efficacy of laws, especially in the fields of digital finance, cyber security, data privacy, telecommunications and IP, and how legal frameworks can be reimaged to accommodate technological change. A feature of her work is interdisciplinary collaborations with computing, engineering and finance.

#### **Angus Lang, SC**

Mr Lang was admitted to the bar in 2006 and appointed senior counsel in 2020. He specializes in Competition (Antitrust), Consumer Protection and Intellectual Property law. Mr Lang is recognised in Best Lawyers Australia 2022 for his work in Intellectual Property Law.

He also teaches Comparative Intellectual Property Law in Germany at Humboldt university, Berlin; Martin-Luther university Halle-Wittenberg, and Friedrich-Schiller university Jena.

#### **Christine Emmanuel**

IP and Commercialisation Manager at RMIT, Non-Executive Director at PolyNovo and Medical Developments International, Vice President at The Institute of Patent & Trade Marks Attorneys.

Ms Emmanuel is a registered patent and trademark attorney in Australia and New Zealand, a fellow of the Institute of Patent and Trademark Attorneys of Australia (IPTA), and has been on IPTA Council for several years heading up the Commercialisation and Education Relations Committees.

Ms Emmanuel has worked in the Intellectual Property field for 25 years, including in-house IP departments of Unilever (UK) and CSIRO (AU), in private practice in large IP firms both in the UK and in Australia as well as several years at the Australian Patent Office.

**Ian Finch**

Partner – James & Wells

Mr Finch is a registered patent attorney and lawyer (NZ and AU). He has extensive litigation experience across a range of industries, particularly in construction, manufacturing, electrical engineering, and medical devices. He is a former President of the NZIPA and currently sits on the TTIPAB.

**Paul Green**

Dr Green is the Chief Patent Counsel at ResMed, a global medical devices and digital health company. He works on IP portfolio development, and contentious patent matters in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Europe.

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<p>Wednesday 24 November 2021</p>	<p>Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, 1.00pm – 2.00pm (AEDT) <u>Note:</u> Brisbane: 12.00pm-1.00pm Perth: 10.00am – 11.00am Adelaide: 12.30pm – 1.30pm New Zealand: 3.00pm - 4.00pm</p>	<p><a href="#"><b><u>REGISTER HERE</u></b></a></p>

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