

Nick Zweck

Year called: 2014 (admitted as a solicitor and barrister in Australia, 2004)
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✓ Profile

Nick practises in all areas of intellectual property law and related commercial litigation.

Nick brings to the Bar over a decade of experience as an IP litigation solicitor. He has extensive experience working with clients and legal teams on all aspects of the litigation process, from pre-action strategic planning through to trial or settlement.

As a solicitor, Nick handled cases across a wide range of technical fields, including life sciences, mobile telecommunications, consumer electronics, video compression, trading software, sub-sea oil extraction and security scanning.

Nick has particular experience of large, complex disputes with multi-jurisdictional aspects.

✓ Career

Nick qualified as a barrister and solicitor in Australia in 2004 after completing an associateship with the Hon. Justices O'Loughlin and Selway of the Federal Court of Australia. He commenced practice as an IP litigation solicitor with Clayton Utz in Melbourne, where he appeared regularly as an advocate in the Federal Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of Victoria.

In 2006, Nick joined Wragge & Co (now Gowling WLG) in London, where his cases included the *Nokia v InterDigital* litigation – the first cases in the UK concerning the “essentiality” of a large number of patents to various ETSI mobile telecommunications standards, and the courts’ jurisdiction to hear them.

In 2009, Nick joined Powell Gilbert LLP, where he handled a number of large, complex patent disputes as a managing Associate, including the *HTC v Apple* litigation – the first instance of a patent trial in the UK expedited to assist the resolution of foreign proceedings.

Between requalifying as an English barrister in 2014 and commencing pupillage with chambers in 2016, Nick consulted to Browne Jacobson LLP, advising and acting for the Trustee in Bankruptcy of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC on various complex aspects of the Trustee’s global recovery actions and investigations, and handling the trial of a patent case.

During pupillage, Nick was involved in a wide range of intellectual property matters concerning patents, trade marks and passing off, copyright, and designs. Nick joined chambers as a tenant in April 2017.

[Cases](#)

Copyright / IT

Noel Starbuck v Patsystems (UK) [2017] EWHC 397 (IPEC)

Trial of a copyright ownership and infringement claim relating to software for use in a financial trading system, led by Michael Hicks.

Trade marks

Jaguar Land Rover v Bombardier Recreational Products [2016] EWHC 3266 (Ch)

Trade mark infringement proceedings relating to the use of the name “Defender” on off-road vehicles, assisting Michael Hicks.

As a solicitor

Patents

American Science & Engineering v Rapiscan Systems

Trial of Patents Court action involving infringement and validity of a patent relating to mobile X-ray backscatter security scanning.

Starsight Telecast & Ors (“Rovi”) v Virgin Media

Patents Court litigation involving eight patents relating to cable television technology.

HTC v Apple

Expedited trial of validity and infringement of four patents relating to Apple’s graphical user interfaces.

Apple v Nokia

Complex Patents Court litigation involving a large number of Apple and Nokia patents in relation to graphical user interfaces and object-oriented software for mobile phone applications, and mobile phone hardware.

Hospira v Amgen

Revocation action in the Patents Court in relation to Amgen patents concerned with pegylated therapeutic glycoproteins.

Koninklijke Philips Electronics v Alba Plc and Amino Communications

Large Patents Court actions relating to “MPEG-2” video compression technology.

Nokia v InterDigital Technology Corporation and InterDigital Technology Corporation v Nokia

Novel Patents Court actions relating to the “essentiality” of a large number of Nokia and InterDigital patents to various ETSI telecommunications standards. The first of these disputes also went to the Court of Appeal on the question of the English Court’s jurisdiction to grant negative declaratory relief.

FMC Technologies v Vetco Gray

Infringement and revocation actions relating to subsea oil well technology.

Pharmacia Italia v Mayne Pharma

Federal Court of Australia patent infringement proceedings in relating to the chemotherapy drug Epirubicin.

Trade marks

O2 Holdings v Landmark Marketing Services

Trade mark and passing off dispute.

Copyright

SpatialInfo v Telstra and Telstra v SpatialInfo

Federal Court of Australia and Victorian Supreme Court proceedings involving allegations of copyright infringement, misuse of confidential information and breach of contract.

Designs

Permanent Promotions v Independent Distillers

Federal Court of Australia registered design infringement proceedings relating to disposable shot-glasses.

Confidential information

Advising on and acting in a high value UK dispute relating to the use of confidential information in the financial services industry (details confidential).

Cross-border insolvency and asset recovery

Securities Investor Protection Act (SIPA) liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities (BLMIS)

Acting for the SIPA Trustee in Bankruptcy on various complex aspects of the Trustee's global actions and investigations seeking to recover BLMIS assets for the SIPA beneficiaries.

Qualifications and Regulations

Qualifications

2001	Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Adelaide, Australia.
1999/2002	Bachelor of Arts (Hons), University of Adelaide, Australia.
2004	Admitted as a solicitor and barrister in the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court of Australia.
2014	Called to the Bar (Middle Temple)

Human Interest

Nick is a keen swimmer, even in London swimming pools, and even in February.

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