

# Cynthia Cochrane SC

+61 2 8066 6132

cynthia.cochrane@5wentworth.com



## Areas of Practice

### Commercial

- Competition and trade practices,
- Contractual disputes, Insurance,
- Intellectual property, Restraints of trade

### Appellate

- Civil appeals

## Date of Admissions & Appointments

**Senior Counsel**  
2021

**Barrister**  
2005

**Solicitor**  
2002

## Qualifications

**Bachelor of Laws (Honours)**  
University of Melbourne | 2001

**Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) (Finance and Economics)**  
University of Melbourne | 1999

## Overview and Background

Cochrane SC specialises in intellectual property law, with a breadth of experience in patent law. She also specialises in commercial cases, with particular experience in business restraints of trade and competition law.

Cochrane SC appears regularly in the Federal Court and Patent Office. She has a depth of appellate experience, including High Court experience over more than 15 years. She recently addressed a six-member bench in the Aristocrat appeal on patentable subject-matter ([see video at 2:21:43-2:53:48](#)). She also appears in commercial matters in the NSW Supreme Court.

Cochrane SC was a solicitor at Allens (articled to Prof Bob Baxt AO in competition law) in Melbourne and Sydney and, prior to then, an investment banker in Corporate Advisory at Macquarie Bank in Melbourne. She also taught economics and finance at the University of Melbourne.



<b>Professional Recognition</b>	<p>"New Silks" <a href="#">Chambers Global 2023</a> (IP): "Cynthia Cochrane SC continues to receive extensive and enthusiastic feedback testifying to her ever more prominent position in the IP market, more than one commentator testifying to the excellence of her patent litigation practice. Strengths: "She is incredibly hard-working, great to deal with and good at building trust with clients".</p> <p>"New Silks" <a href="#">Chambers Global 2022</a> (IP): "Cynthia Cochrane SC is fantastic. She is very smart, thorough, agile on her feet and an absolute pleasure to work with." Another stresses that "Cynthia is particularly strong on case strategy and technical pleadings, evidence preparation and submissions."</p> <p>"Band 1" <a href="#">Chambers Asia-Pacific 2021</a> (IP): "sources note her "technical background" which puts her "quickly on top" of any scientific issues, her "excellent written work and very good advocacy," and her talent for forming constructive relationships with allied and opposing barristers, and the Bench."</p> <p><a href="#">Best Lawyers</a> - Intellectual Property Law.</p> <p><a href="#">The Legal 500 Asia Pacific</a> (TMT and IP): "Excellent. High quality written work. Also a good advocate".</p> <p><a href="#">Doyle's Guide</a>: "Pre-eminent". "Professional and always well-prepared"</p>
<b>Selected Cases and Papers</b>	<p>See separate documents available on Cochrane SC's <a href="#">webpage</a>.</p>
<b>Current and Previous Appointments</b>	<p>Chair of the Wellbeing Committee of the NSW Bar, which includes chairing webinars by experts in the "Eat, Sleep, Move" and "Mind Matters" series.</p> <p>Member of the BLS Intellectual Property Committee of the Law Council of Australia, focusing on patents, trade marks and artificial intelligence.</p> <p>Previous director on the Board of 5 Wentworth Chambers Pty Ltd over many years, including, most recently, in the period 2019-2022.</p> <p>Previous member of Professional Conduct Committee of the NSW Bar.</p> <p>Regular presenter in the NSW Bar Readers' Practice Course.</p>
<b>Memberships</b>	<p>Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand; Company Law Discussion Group; Melbourne Cricket Club; Sydney Cricket Ground.</p>
<b>Interests</b>	<p>Running half-marathons; cycling (Peloton); tennis; reading; watching cricket.</p>