

# Edward Thompson

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**Profile** Edward accepts briefs in all areas of law and practises principally in intellectual property, commercial disputes, equity, corporations, consumer and trade practices, trade secrets, defamation and family law.

Admitted to the Bar in 2019, Edward has degrees in Law and Arts from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Laws from University College London, graduating as the top student in the LLM program.

Before commencing practice at the Bar, Edward was associate to the Hon. John Nicholas, Justice of the Federal Court of Australia, and a solicitor for 7 years. He was also a lecturer in Corporations Law at the University of Melbourne.

Edward is ranked by *Chambers and Partners* as a “Leading Junior” in Intellectual Property in Asia Pacific. He has been recognised in *Doyle’s Guide* as a recommended junior counsel in intellectual property litigation in New South Wales since 2021, and is ranked as a “Leading Junior” in IP and TMT by the *Legal 500*.

**Admissions** **Barrister**  
2019

**High Court of Australia**  
2009

**Supreme Court of Victoria**  
2009

**Prior Professional Experience** **IP Litigation** | 2018, 2010 – 2016  
Gilbert + Tobin

**Associate to Justice Nicholas** | 2017  
Federal Court of Australia

**Lecturer in Corporations Law** | 2009  
University of Melbourne

**Selected Cases as a Barrister** **Patents**

- *Orikan Group Pty Ltd v Vehicle Monitoring Systems Pty Ltd* (VID519/2022) (with J Ambikapathy, ongoing). Acting for VMS in long standing infringement and invalidity proceedings involving patents for vehicle detection systems and computer technology.
- *Oxford Nanopore Technologies Plc v MGI Australia Pty Ltd* [2025] FCA 572 (with C Cochrane SC). Preliminary discovery proceedings involving eight patents for DNA/RNA nanopore sequencing.

- *EIS Gmbh v LELO Oceania Pty Ltd* [2025] FCA 1111 (with C Cochrane SC, ongoing). Patent infringement and revocation proceedings involving stimulation devices and technology.
- *F45 Training Pty Ltd v Body Fit Training Pty Ltd* (2022) 403 ALR 269 (with R Cobden SC and L Thomas). Patent Infringement and invalidity proceedings for computerised methods and systems.
- *Rakman International Pty Ltd v Boss Fire & Safety* (2022) 166 IPR 264 and *Rakman International Pty Limited v Boss Fire & Safety Pty Ltd* [2023] FCAFC 202 (with ADB Fox SC). Patent infringement and revocation proceedings involving patents for firestopping technology.
- *Yang v Vuly Pty Ltd* [2020] FCA 1037 (with JS Cooke SC, settled). Entitlement and inventorship proceedings.
- *Australian Keg Company Pty Ltd v Frankling Custom Feed Pty Ltd & Ors* (VID 216/2020) (with H Bevan SC, settled). Patent infringement and damages proceedings involving mechanical grain feeding technology. Settled shortly before trial.
- *Australian Keg Company Pty Ltd v Total Animal & Ors* (VID17/2023) (unled, settled). Patent infringement, revocation and damages action.
- *Whitewater West Industries Inc & Ors ats Dale Watson* (NSD970/2019) (with V Bedrossian SC, settled). Acting for WhiteWater in a commercial dispute in respect of patents for artificial wave technology. Settled at mediation prior to trial.
- *Angel Group Co. Ltd v SenSen Networks Limited* (with H Bevan SC and B Cameron, settled). Patent infringement and revocation proceedings involving patents for computerised casino and surveillance technology.

#### **Trade Marks, Copyright and Consumer Law**

- *Container Rotation Systems Pty Ltd v Intermodal Solutions Group Pty Ltd* (VID387/2022) (with C Dimitriadis SC and D Larish, ongoing). Trade mark infringement and revocation proceedings and trade practice claims.
- *Soyo Investment v AL Brands Management* (NSWSC 2025/00104211) (with H Bevan SC, ongoing). Contractual, trade practices, restitution and estoppel claims.
- *Monster Energy Co v Mixi Inc* [2020] FCA 1398 (with ADB Fox SC).
- *Symphony Holdings Limited v Skins IP Limited* [2022] FCA 1238 (unled); *Skins IP Limited v Symphony Holdings Ltd* [2022] ATMO 29 (unled).
- *Hashtag Burgers Pty Ltd v In-N-Out Burgers, Inc* [2020] FCAFC 235 and *In-N-Out Burgers, Inc v Hashtag Burgers Pty Ltd* (2020) 150 IPR 73 (with R Lancaster SC and H Bevan SC)
- *WHAV Pty Ltd v Propel Health Pty* [2025] ATMO 222 (unled) and *Propel Health Pty v WHAV Pty Ltd* (QUD861/2025) (ongoing).

- *Susie Ashley v Boots International Pty Ltd* [2023] ATMO 42 (unled)
- *Ice Cream Group Australia Pty Ltd v Australasian Food Group Pty Ltd* [2023] ATMO 8 (unled)
- *Seeley International Pty Ltd v Beau Firth* [2022] ATMO 111 (unled)
- *Planet Plumbing Pty Ltd v Green Planet Maintenance* [2021] ATMO 32 (unled)
- *Biodental Remin Ltd v Biodental Industries Pty Ltd* [2021] ATMO 70 (unled)
- *Noshu Foods Pty Ltd* [2020] ATMO 158 (unled)
- *Easy Payslip v Fuse Mobile* (NSWSC 2019/ 002365099) (with G Rubagotti). Breach of software development agreement, negligence, and copyright infringement (settled)
- *Pempek Systems Pty Ltd v JA Engineering (Australia) Pty Ltd* (NSD 965/2021) (with ADB Fox SC). Software infringement, confidential information and related claims (settled).

#### **Corporate, Commercial and Other Litigation**

- *Chemworks Pty Ltd v Hannah Barnes & Ors* (NSD527/2025) (with E Heerey KC) – employment and restraint of trade (settled).
- *QRAD Pty Ltd -v- Philips Electronics Australia Limited & Anor* (QSC 14105/2023) (with M Hickey KC) – negligence, breach of contract and related issues relating to MRI Machines (ongoing).
- *Territory Radiology Pty Ltd v Philips Electronics Australia Limited* (NSWSC 00265741/2023) (unled)– misleading and deceptive conduct, restitution and related issues relating X-Ray and Scanning Machines (settled).
- *De Baecque Johnsen Company v JFS Hair Management & Anor* [2020] NSWDC 476 (unled) – corporate authority relating to \$500,000 loan transaction
- *Tate v Duncan-Strelec* [2020] NSWSC 52 (with G Rubagotti) – defamation and contempt of court
- *Chen v Project Flow* [2022] FedCFamC2G 291 (unled) – industrial law, adverse action and summary dismissal
- *Joyce Williams v Sentential Wealth Management Pty Ltd* (2022/21969) – fraud, unconscionable conduct and restitution claims relating to financial advice (unled)
- *L&Y Goldentree Investment Pty Ltd v Wei Dong Li & Australia LG Pty Ltd* [2024] LCA 24 (unled) – breach of contract, restitution and ACL claims in relation to a failed business purchase transaction
- *Batt & Batt* [2021] FedCFam 250 (unled) – injunction to evict the husband from the matrimonial home; *Batt & Batt* [2022] FedCFam 1262 (unled) subsequent five day trial relating to division of matrimonial assets

- *Helicopter Aerial Surveys Pty Ltd v Bismarck Pacific Sunrise Fishing Corporation & Ors* (NSD828/2022) (unled) – breach of contract, misleading and deceptive conduct and restitution claims relating to large scale helicopter venture for tuna fishing (settled).
- *F45 Training Pty Ltd v Body Fit Training Company Pty Ltd* [2020] NSWSC 1879 (with R Cobden SC) – cross-vesting and transfer application
- Webtrade International Pty Ltd v Shen Zhang (unled) – corporate authority and fraud in relation foreign exchange transactions (settled)

## **Selected Cases as a Solicitor**

### **Patents**

*Australian Mud Company v Coretell* (No 4) [2015] FCA 1372  
*Australian Mud Company v Coretell* (No 7) [2016] FCA 991  
*Kafataris v Davis* [2016] FCAFC 134  
*Eftpos Payments Australia v Visa Inc* (2014-5, settled)  
*Enterprise Glue Pty Ltd v Shopify Inc* (2015-6, settled)  
*Fisher & Paykel Healthcare v ResMed Ltd* (2018, settled)

### **Trade Marks and Consumer Law**

*iNova Pharmaceuticals (Aust) v Reckitt Benckiser* [2018] FCA 1209  
*Primary Health Care v Commonwealth of Australia* [2016] FCA 313  
*Schutz DSL (Australia) v VIP Plastic Packaging* (2009-14, settled)

### **Copyright**

*Telstra Corporation Limited v Phone Directories Company Pty Ltd* [2010] FCA 44

### **Commercial and Class Actions**

*Hopkins v AECOM Australia & Ors* (2012-15, settled)

*Macquarie Group v Leslie* (2009, settled)

## **Awards and Publications**

### **Baker and McKenzie Prize**

Awarded for the Top LLM student in 2010

### **GC O'Donnell Copyright Prize**

Awarded by the Australian Copyright Council in 2011

### **Publications**

The Starting-Point for Inventive Step, IP Bulletin (2015)

*Open justice and the broadcasting of legal proceedings*, Journal of Media Law (2011)

*Should Australia Adopt a Sui Generis Right for Non-Original Databases?*, Copyright Reporter (2011)

