

Areas of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Intellectual property▪ Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology▪ Competition law▪ Consumer law▪ Commercial▪ Appellate▪ Equity
Appointments	<p>Barrister, NSW 2024</p> <p>Solicitor, Supreme Court of NSW and High Court of Australia 2019</p>
Education	<p>Juris Doctor (with Distinction) – University of New South Wales 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Order of Merit <p>B Science (Hons) University of Sydney 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ First Class Honours, Molecular Biology & Genetics
Experience	<p>Barrister, 5 Wentworth Chambers 2024 – Present</p> <p>Senior Associate / Solicitor, DLA Piper 2023 – 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Secondment (part-time), Vertex Pharmaceuticals 2024 <p>Associate / Graduate / Summer Clerk, Allens 2018 – 2023</p> <p>Research Assistant, UNSW Medicine Faculty 2015 – 2016</p> <p>Research Assistant, Garvan Institute of Medical Research 2013 – 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Areas of research: proteomics, bioinformatics, ubiquitomics and molecular biology across a range of diseases, including diabetes, ALS, Alzheimer’s and breast cancer▪ See list of scientific publications below.
Recognition	<p>Doyles Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Leading Intellectual Property Junior Counsel – NSW 2025 & 2026
Notable Cases	<p><u>Patents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>NOCO Co v Brown and Watson International Pty Ltd [2026] FCAFC 44.</i> Successfully defended appeal and succeeded on grounds of its notice of contention and cross-appeal. Appeared for the Respondent. Led by Tom Cordiner KC and Peter Creighton-Selvay SC.

- ***AstraZeneca AB v Pharmacor Pty Ltd [2026] FCA 88.*** Application for preliminary injunction. Appeared for the Respondent. Led by Julian Cooke SC and David Larish.
 - ***AstraZeneca AB v Pharmacor Pty Ltd (No 2) [2026] FCA 414***
 - ***AstraZeneca AB v Pharmacor Pty Ltd (No 3) [2026] FCA 565***
 - ***AstraZeneca AB v Pharmacor Pty Ltd (No 4) [2026] FCA 663***
- ***Janssen Pharmaceutica NV & Anor v Juno Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 1538.*** Successful application for preliminary injunction. Appeared for the Applicants. Led by Julian Cooke SC and Joseph Elks.
- ***Pfizer Ireland Pharmaceuticals v Samsung Bioepis Co., Ltd (reserved).*** Claim of pharmaceutical patent infringement in respect of etanercept products and cross-claim for invalidity. Appeared for First and Second Respondents. Led by Julian Cooke SC and David Larish.
- ***Cipla Australia Pty Ltd v Novo Nordisk A/S [2024] FCA 1414.*** Issue of grant of patent term extension. Led by David Larish.
- ***Janssen Biotech, Inc & Anor v Samsung Bioepis AU Pty Ltd.*** Claim of anticipatory infringement of an innovation patent regarding entry of a biosimilar and cross-claim for invalidity. Appeared for the Respondent / Cross-Claimant. Applicants' application dismissed during trial. Led by Christian Dimitriadis SC and David Larish.

Trade Marks / Passing Off

- ***Application by Roussas Dairy S.A. for removal of Trade Mark No. 774391 - ROUSSAS - in the name of Del Re Nominees Pty Ltd – TMO decision pending.*** Unled.
- ***O'Brien Glass Industries Limited v O'Brien Boiler Services Pty Ltd (NSD55/2023 and NSD136/2023).*** Application for removal of marks; cross-claim for infringement; appeal of Trade Marks Office decision. Acted for the applicant. Led by Julian Cooke SC and Rob Clarke. Settled.
- ***Rhino Rack Australia Pty Limited v Industrias Jed S.r.l [2025] ATMO 71.*** Successfully appeared for the opponent. Unled.
- ***Opposition by Rhino Rack Australia Pty Limited to registration of trade mark application number 2225194 (class 12) - RHINO - in the name of Rhino Manufacturing Limited.*** Successfully appeared for the opponent. Unled.
- ***Paige LLC v Sage and Paige Collective Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 750.*** Appeal from TMO decision. Led by David Larish.
 - ***Paige LLC v Sage and Paige Collective Pty Ltd (Costs) [2025] FCA 988.*** Successfully defended an application for indemnity costs. Led by David Larish.
- ***Application by BNP – Best Natural Products GmbH for the removal of trade mark number 1734013- KHADI – in the name of Khadi and Village Industries Commission.*** Successfully applied for removal of mark on the basis of non-use. Led by David Larish.

**Notable Cases
(as a solicitor)**

Copyright

- ***C.A. Williamson & D.J. Williamson (ABN 67 345 328 911), a partnership t/a Key Real Estate Photography v Zeedan Property Group Pty Ltd (ACN 134 198 084) t/a WA Real Estate Property Group & Anor.*** Appeared for Respondent in relation to allegations of copyright infringement. Settled.
- ***Poolshop.com.au Pty Ltd v Swim Investments Pty Ltd t/a South Coast Pool Company & Ors.*** Appeared for applicant in relation to allegations of copyright infringement and misuse of confidential information. Settled.

Commercial

- ***Nguyen v Northern Sydney Local Health District [2025] NSWCA 107.*** Appeal to the Supreme Court of NSW, Court of Appeal. Appeared for the Respondent / Cross-Appellant. Led by David Larish.
- ***Nguyen v Northern Sydney Local Health District & Anor (No 2) [2024] NSWSC 1533.*** Acting for the First Defendant in the Supreme Court of NSW regarding an alleged breach of an IP Assignment Deed relating to the commercialisation of a proposed monoclonal antibody. Led by David Larish.
- ***Urbis Valuations Pty Ltd v Mereworth Property Pty Ltd (2024/00282128).*** Successfully appeared for the Defendant / Cross-Claimant in the Local Court (General Division) in relation to allegations of breach of contract. Unled.

Patents

- ***CPC Patent Technologies Pty Ltd v Apple Pty Limited [2025] FCA 489.*** Patent for a remote entry system which CPC alleges is infringed by Apple's biometric system (Face ID and Touch ID). Invalidity cross-claim. Acted for the respondent in successfully defending the infringement claim.
- ***Jusand Nominees Pty Ltd v Rattlejack Innovations Pty Ltd & Ors [2024] HCASL 105.*** Patent for a safety system for failure of mining drill. Acted for third respondent. Special leave refused with costs.

Trade Marks and Passing Off

- ***Redbubble v Hells Angels Motorcycle Corporation (Australia) Pty Ltd [2024] FCAFC 15.*** Appeal of decision in relation to trade mark infringement by an online platform before enlarged appeals bench. Acted for the appellant.
- ***Hells Angels Motorcycle Corporation (Australia) Pty Limited v Redbubble Ltd (No 5) (2022) 168 IPR 217; [2022] FCA 837*** – judgment on trade mark infringement by an online platform; damages and additional damages; scope of injunctions. Acted for the respondent.
- ***Pro-Pac Packaging (Aust) Pty Ltd v Linhua Packaging Pty Ltd & Ors.*** Passing off; misleading or deceptive conduct; breach of confidence. Acted for the applicant. Settled.

Copyright

- ***Secure Electronics (Australia) Pty Ltd v Bosch Security Systems B.V. & Anor (2024/00074841 – Commercial List)***.
- ***Lift Shop Pty Ltd v Next Level Elevators Pty Ltd (No 4) [2024]*** FedCFamC2G 554.

Confidential information

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Consumer Law

- ***Invisalign Australia Pty Ltd v SmileDirectClub LLC & Anor [2024]*** FCAFC 46.

Commercial

- ***GCS Agile Pty Ltd v Infosys Technologies Limited***. Alleged breach of SaaS contract. Acted for the respondent. Settled.

Scientific Publications

- Farrowell N, Bax M, McAlary L, **McKenna J**, Rayner S, Blair I, Chung R, Yerbury J, Ooi L, Saunders D (2023) '*ALS-linked CCFN variant disrupts motor neuron ubiquitin homeostasis*' Hum Mol Genet 4; 32(14): 2386-2398. DOI: 10.1093/hmg/ddad063.
- Opazo C, Lotan A, Xiao Z, Zhang B, Greenoug M, Lim C, Trytell H, Ramirez A, Ukuwela A, Mawal C, **McKenna J**, Saunders D, Burke R, Gooley P and Bush A (2021) '*Copper signaling promotes proteostasis and animal development via allosteric activation of ubiquitin E2D conjugases*' bioRxiv, preprint DOI: 10.1101/2021.02.15.431211
- Bax M, **McKenna J**, Do-Ha D, Stevens CH, Higginbottom S, Balez R, Cabral-da-Silva MEC, Farrowell NE, Engel M, Poronnik P, Yerbury JJ, Saunders DN and Ooi L (2019) '*The Ubiquitin Proteasome System Is a Key Regulator of Pluripotent Stem Cell Survival and Motor Neuron Differentiation*' Cells 13;8(6):581. doi: 10.3390/cells8060581. PMID: 31200561; PMCID: PMC6627164
- Shearer R, Frikstad K, **McKenna J**, McCloy R, Deng N, Burgess A, Stokke T, Patzke S and Saunders D (2018) '*The E3 ubiquitin ligase UBR5 regulates centriolar satellite stability and primary cilia*' Mol Biol Cell. 2018 Jul 1; 29(13): 1542–1554. DOI: 10.1091/mbc.E17-04-0248.
- Farrowell N, Lambert-Smith I, Mitchell K, **McKenna J**, McAlary L, Ciryam P, Vine K, Saunders D and Yerbury J. (2018) '*SOD1 A4V aggregation alters ubiquitin homeostasis in a cell model of ALS*' Journal of Cell Science 131. DOI: 10.1242/jcs.209122.
- Nagarajan SR*, Brandon AE*, **McKenna JA***, Shtein HC, Nguyen TQ, Suryana E, Poronnik P, Cooney GJ, Saunders DN and Hoy AJ (March 2017) '*Insulin and diet-induced changes in the ubiquitin-modified proteome of rat liver*' PLOS One, DOI: <<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0174431>> (***equal first authors**)
- Hardie RA, van Dam E, Cowley M, Han TL, Balaban S, Pajic M, Pinese M, Ionomou M, Shearer RF, **McKenna J**, Miller D, Waddell N, Pearson JV, Grimmond SM, Australian Pancreatic Genome Initiative, Sazanov L, Biankin A, Villas-Boas S, Hoy AJ, Turner N and Saunders DN (January 2017) '*Mitochondrial mutations and metabolic adaptation in pancreatic cancer*' Cancer & Metabolism 5, 2, DOI: <10.1186/s40170-017-0164-1>
- Croucher D, Ionomou M, Hastings J, Kennedy S, Han J, Shearer R, **McKenna J**, Wan A, Lau J, Aparicio S and Saunders D (2016) '*Bimolecular complementation affinity purification (BiCAP) reveals dimer-specific protein interactions for ERBB2 dimers*' Science Signaling 9(436), 69. DOI: <10.1126/scisignal.aaf0793>