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Beth maintains a general commercial practice, and has particular expertise in intellectual property, unfair trade practices, real property, corporations law and equity. Her practice also extends to family provisions, wills and estates, building and construction and family law.

Admitted to the Bars of New South Wales, New York and California, Beth has acquired significant international experience. Throughout her legal career, her global reach has seen her act for blue-chip clients including Google, Sanofi-Aventis, Fujitsu and Disney. Beth regularly appears unled in the Federal Court of Australia, Equity Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the District Court of New South Wales. Notably, she has appeared unled in a number of different courts of appeal, including the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of NSW, the Full Federal Court of Australia, the Full Family Court of Australia and the US Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit. Beth also continues to receive briefs concerning patent disputes from the United States, where she is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Reg No 41,229).

Prior to relocating to Australia, Beth practised primarily in intellectual property litigation in major New York law firms. She gained considerable advocacy experience in the United States, which has a fused legal profession, from which she has leveraged to create a solid advocacy practice at the New South Wales Bar. Previous experience also includes practising as a Senior Lawyer at Gilbert + Tobin in Sydney.

Beth lectures in Intellectual Property for the LEC Course at the University of Sydney and regularly delivers presentations on legal developments in her practice areas. She has also been a contributing author to significant law journals. Beth holds a Juris Doctorate from Washington University in St Louis School of Law and a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Northwestern University.

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### ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2009 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales
- 2008 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2004 Admitted to the California State Bar
- 1997 Admitted to the New York State Bar

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1996 Juris Doctorate: Washington University in St Louis School of Law
- 1993 Bachelor of Electrical Engineering: Northwestern University

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## PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Commercial Law, Corporations and Trade Practices Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Equity, Real Property and Trusts
- Succession and Family Provision

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011 – present Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- 2009 – 2011 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Floors St James Hall Chambers
- 2008 – 2009 Senior Lawyer, Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers
- 2005 – 2008 Independent Legal Consultant
- 2004 Contract Attorney, Metlife Inc, New York
- 2000 – 2003 Senior Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York
- 1996 – 1999 Associate, Morgan & Finnegan, LLP, New York

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association
- Official Examiner in Intellectual Property for Legal Profession Admission Board of NSW: 2015 – present
- Lecturer in Intellectual Property for LEC course at the University of Sydney: 2013 – present
- Director, BarNet Pty Ltd: 2011 – present
- Director, Little William Bourke Pty Ltd 2016 – present

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Keynote speaker, 10th Annual “*Women in IP Global Networking Event*” hosted by the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) - 2017
- *Ethical Dilemmas Arising from Cloud-Based Computing*: AusLaw Symposium - 2015
- *Fundamentals of Property Litigation*: CPDS Seminar - 2012
- *High Court Provides Guidance on Contributory Infringement Provision*: International Law Office - 2008
- *The Reasonable Apprehension Requirement in Declaratory Judgment Actions (Special on Patent Law)*: The National Law Journal - 2000
- *Personal Jurisdiction And The Internet – How Internet Activity Can Subject An Unwitting Party To Jurisdiction In An Undesirable Forum*: Mealey’s Litigation Report - 1999
- Notes Editor: *Journal of Proprietary Rights* - 2000 to 2002
- Moderator, *Panel on Ethics*: American Bar Association Summer Conference - 2002, Philadelphia
- Presented on *Intellectual Property Litigation in Australia* to special delegation of policymakers from Chinese government - 2010