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OVERVIEW

Taryn Francis is a senior associate lawyer and registered Australian Trade Mark Attorney in the Intellectual Property group. She advises clients on a broad range of contentious and non-contentious intellectual property matters, including complex disputes, commercialisation, portfolio management, and strategic advisory work.

Her practice covers all aspects of intellectual property protection and enforcement, with experience advising on trade mark infringement, patent infringement, copyright infringement, Australian Consumer Law claims, passing off actions, and opposition proceedings.

Taryn acts for Australian, foreign and multinational clients in sectors including information technology, healthcare, food and beverage, financial services, building and construction, mining, fashion, and consumer products.

In addition to her disputes practice, she advises on intellectual property ownership, privacy, regulatory compliance and brand protection matters. Her experience includes drafting and negotiating intellectual property agreements including licences, assignments and confidentiality agreements. She works closely with clients to protect, commercialise, enforce and maximise the value of their intellectual property portfolios.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Taryn practiced at an Australian intellectual property law firm where she advised clients on a wide range of IP disputes and commercial matters.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand (IPSANZ), Victorian Committee member, 2025 – present
- Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia (IPTA)
- Law Institute of Victoria, Intellectual Property and Information Technology Committee member, 2022-2023
- Licensing Executives Society Australia and New Zealand (LESANZ)

EDUCATION

- Master of Laws (L.L.M), University of Melbourne, 2025
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Leo Cussen Centre for Law, 2017
- J.D., Monash University, 2017
- Bachelor of Science, University of Melbourne, 2013

ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Registered Australian Trade Marks Attorney
- Supreme Court of Victoria

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Litigation

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acted for an explosives manufacturer in a patent revocation and infringement proceeding.
- Acted for a finance provider in trade mark infringement proceedings against a buy now, pay later provider.
- Advised a manufacturer of digital mobile radios in copyright infringement proceedings.
- Represented a fast-food restaurant in a trade mark infringement proceeding.
- Acted for a supermarket in copyright infringement proceedings.