



Intellectual property and technology

The rapid pace of change in technology demands legal advice that is timely, practical and to the point. No matter what type of technology you are developing, you need the right protection in place to ensure your ideas become and remain a commercial success.

Cooper Grace Ward advises start-up technology businesses through to mid-sized and listed companies engaged in technology innovation and development.

Our clients operate in sectors as diverse as software development, online business and e-commerce, biotechnology and the emerging 'cleantech' sector.

Our key services

Our team has extensive experience in:

- intellectual property protection strategies
- applying for trade mark registrations and handling trade mark disputes
- preparing intellectual property agreements (including licences to use, manufacture, develop and market), confidentiality agreements and agreements dealing with patent rights
- preparing licence agreements from the perspective of both the licensee and licensor and relating to matters as diverse as software, patents, business processes, trade marks, brands and copyright
- commercialisation of technology
- capital raisings and public offerings
- due diligence, mergers and acquisitions
- litigation and dispute resolution.

A snapshot of our experience

Some of our team's recent experience includes:

- advising clients in the IT and biotech fields, we have created patenting and other IP protection strategies (liaising with other professionals, such as patent attorneys where appropriate).
- acting for numerous corporate and commercial clients (small and large) in applying for trade mark registrations and successfully conducting and defending trade mark opposition and infringement proceedings, including preparing submissions on adverse reports to IP Australia
- drafting collaboration agreements with government funded research bodies and training providers
- preparing intellectual property agreements (including licences to use, manufacture, develop and market), confidentiality agreements and agreements dealing with patent rights
- advising on ownership of IP developed by employees in the course of their work
- preparing and negotiating agreements for the development of iPhone applications
- preparing and negotiating agreements for outsourcing of IT services including advice on the legal implications of cloud computing
- conducting domain name dispute resolutions in Australia and overseas jurisdictions
- advising in relation to service level agreements, disaster recovery service agreements and software development and licence agreements
- advising in relation to master licence agreements for enterprise software between Australian licensors and offshore licensees
- advising in relation to shrink-wrap and click-wrap licence agreements
- drafting cloud computing and hosted infrastructure agreements.

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