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Overview

Andrew Baker is an Australian and New Zealand qualified patent attorney in Dentons' Auckland office with 14 years experience as an intellectual property specialist. He is a member of the Intellectual Property and Technology practice group.

Andrew advises clients on patents, designs and confidential information, including drafting, filing and prosecuting patents and designs, and advising on patentability, patent validity, freedom to operate, due diligence, filing strategy, enforcement of rights, contractual issues, assignments, and identification of inventors.

Andrew also manages patent opposition and revocation litigation in New Zealand and Australia for clients.

Andrew acts for clients across a range of sectors, with a special focus on agribusiness and healthcare.

Andrew regularly presents to inventors, IP Managers and CEOs on IP concepts and is also a guest lecturer for the University of Auckland Masters in Bioscience Intellectual Property.

Experience

- **Animal healthcare company:** Representing for 12 years a prominent New Zealand animal healthcare R&D, drafting patents and building a global patent portfolio, successfully representing them in each of their patent oppositions in Australia and New Zealand, and providing advice on company structure and IP strategy.
- **Flexo:** Providing IP strategy advice over 14 years, including drafting patents, building a global patent portfolio and providing advice on company structure and IP strategy.
- **Major timber company:** Appearing in the High Court case of *Carter Holt Harvey v Weyerhaeuser Company* with success in a case that re-defined the test for inventiveness in New Zealand.
- **Major timber preservation company:** Representing the company for 10 years in Australia and New Zealand in a large number of patent oppositions in what is a highly litigious area of technology.

Insights

- "Australia's approach to artificial intelligence and intellectual property - lessons from WIPO's Conversation on IP and AI," Dentons client alert, 13 October 2020
- Co-author, "Thinking about doubling down on digital transformation? The legal landscape in Australia which may impact your program," "Business Going Digital" online guide, April 2020

Areas of focus

Practices

- Designs
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Technology in Australia
- IP Contracts, Assignment and Licensing
- Patents
- Patent Litigation
- Strategic IP Planning

Industry sectors

- Forest Products and Agribusiness
- Life Sciences
- Life Sciences and Health Care in Australia

Region

- Australasia

Education

- Auckland University, 1998, Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Science
- Auckland University, 1996, BSc in Pharmacology
- Auckland University, 2009, PhD in Paediatrics

Admissions and qualifications

- Australia, qualified patent attorney, 2010
- High Court of New Zealand, admitted as a barrister and solicitor, 2008
- New Zealand, qualified patent attorney, 2006