

Dr. Nigel Lokan and Dr. Gavin Recchia – CVs

Nigel Lokan | Associate BSc(Hons) PhD MIP FIPTA, Patent Attorney

Nigel's practice focuses on patent oppositions, drafting and prosecution of patent applications in the chemical arts. He has experience in a broad range of technologies including organic chemistry, photochemistry, pharmaceuticals, process engineering, biochemistry, supramolecular chemistry and nuclear chemistry. Nigel has also been involved in patent litigation proceedings before the Federal Court. Nigel's doctoral research involved the design and synthesis of complex carbocyclic frameworks for studying electron and energy transfer processes. He is a co-author of more than ten publications in peer reviewed journals. Nigel joined Davies Collison Cave in 2007.

Qualifications and Memberships:

Master of Industrial Property, University of Technology, Sydney

Doctor of Philosophy, University of New South Wales

Bachelor of Science (Hons), Flinders University of South Australia

Registered Patent Attorney (Australia and New Zealand)

Registered Trademark Attorney (Australia)

Fellow: Institute of Patent and Trademark Attorneys

Member: Intellectual Property Society of Australia & New Zealand

Gavin Recchia | Partner B.Sc.(Hons.), Ph.D., M.I.P., Patent Attorney

Gavin specialises in the drafting and prosecution of biotechnology patent applications. He has extensive experience in the fields of molecular biology, genetics and microbiology. Gavin joined Davies Collison Cave as a partner in 2006. Gavin completed his PhD in molecular microbiology at the CSIRO Division of Biomolecular Engineering before taking up a CJ Martin Postdoctoral Fellowship in the UK at the University of Oxford, Department of Biochemistry, working in the field of genetic recombination. After three years in Europe, including short stints at medical research centres in Japan and Norway, he returned to practice in Australia. He is the author of more than 15 refereed research papers in international journals and has been invited to contribute to texts in the fields of antibiotic resistance and molecular microbiology. He continues to give seminars and write articles on biotechnology patenting issues. Gavin has won numerous awards for his research, including the inaugural Australian Society for Microbiology Research Trust Award.

Qualifications and Memberships

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