

Curriculum Vitae

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# Garry Willams KC

Barrister

Garry Williams is a King's Counsel specialising in commercial litigation, contentious intellectual property disputes, media law, shareholders disputes, and estates and trusts litigation. With over three decades of experience, he has a strong reputation for providing sound strategic advice, persuasive advocacy, and delivering outstanding outcomes for clients. He is regularly instructed in complex, high-stakes litigation and urgent matters across various courts.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### King's Counsel (Richmond Chambers)

Leading King's Counsel acting in complex commercial, IP and technology disputes, media law cases, and estates and trusts litigation.

### Bell Gully (IP & Litigation), Auckland (2003–2013)

Acted in notable IP disputes, including Coca-Cola v Frucor and PepsiCo (successful trade mark infringement defence), Intellectual Property Development Corporation v Primary Distributors (landmark judgment on account of profits), Sony v van Veen (internationally cited anti-circumvention litigation), alongside significant commercial and media cases such as Westpac v Commissioner of Inland Revenue (Supreme Court tax litigation) and Clague v APN News & Media (media injunction).

### Olswang (IP & Litigation), London (2000–2002)

Acted in leading cases including Irvine v TalkSport (landmark UK authority on passing off and image rights), R-JH Promotions Ltd v A (confidentiality injunction involving Countess of Wessex's PR company), and Fremantle v BBC (trade mark ownership dispute concerning the television program CALL MY BLUFF).

### Nabarro Nathanson, London (1997–2000)

Solicitor in Nabarro Nathanson's intellectual property department, acting in notable trade mark, copyright, and breach of confidence cases, including Levi Strauss v Tesco (parallel imports, ECJ referral), A Technology Ltd v B Technology Ltd (high-tech sector confidentiality dispute), and United States Government & NASA v Higgins (successful trade mark opposition).

### Russell McVeagh, Auckland (1992–1997)

Member of the litigation department specialising in contentious intellectual property. Acted in respect of major copyright, patent and trade mark matters.

## RECENT NOTABLE CASES

### Re Basmati Certification Trade Mark (2024–2025)

Acting for the Crown opposing the Government of India's appeal regarding the BASMATI certification trade mark.

### Blue River Dairy LP v Spring Sheep Dairy NZ LP

(2023–2024) Acting in appellate proceedings concerning significant trade mark opposition and revocation matters.

### Boss Fire & Safety Pty Ltd v Trafalgar Group Pty Ltd

(2024) Representing the plaintiff in trade mark infringement and misleading and deceptive conduct claims.

### Stylez Ltd v Nadene Lomu [2024] NZIPOTM 33

Successfully advised the applicant for invalidity in the removal of unauthorised JONAH LOMU trade marks.

### Bremworth Ltd v Pebblemill Ltd [2023] NZHC 1059

Acted for the defendant concerning confidential information misuse in wool felting processing.

### HealthAlliance NZ Ltd v Hewlett-Packard NZ & Ors

(2021–2023) Defending complex international breach of contract claims related to software licensing agreements.

### Technopak Ltd v Monzeal [2020] NZHC 1940

Acted in significant copyright infringement litigation regarding industrial machinery.

### S C Johnson & Sons, Inc v International Consolidated

Business Pty Ltd [2020] NZSC 110 Landmark Supreme Court appeal interpreting trade mark legislation.

### Eight Mile Style LLC v The National Party [2019] NZSC

48 High-profile copyright infringement case involving Eminem's song "Lose Yourself".

### Dougiamas v Benner (2017–2018)

Invalidity and passing-off claims relating to the world-leading MOODLE® online learning platform.

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**Coca-Cola Company v Frucor Soft Drinks Ltd & PepsiCo Inc (2011-2014)** Successfully defended significant trade mark infringement allegations.

## RECOGNITION & LEADERSHIP

### **Chambers & Partners (Asia-Pacific & Global)**

Ranked as a leading IP silk in New Zealand.

**World Trade Mark Review** Recognised for having an "impeccable reputation" and as a "media and IP ace".

**Doyle's Guide** Recommended for IP Litigation.

**Faculty Member** of the NZLS Litigation Skills Programme.

**Member of Faculty Selection Committee** for the NZLS Litigation Skills Programme.

**Neutral (Mediation & Arbitration)**, World Intellectual Property Organisation.

**Advocacy and Education Committees**, New Zealand Bar Association.

**Chair (2021)**, New Zealand Committee of Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand (IPSANZ).

## ADMISSIONS

- New Zealand (1992)
- England & Wales (1998)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**NZ Bar Association Mentor** Mentoring programmes and advocacy training for junior barristers.

**Board Member & Treasurer** Harbour Basketball Association Inc.