"A chain of title demonstrates the historical transfers of title to intellectual property and can be of critical importance when trying to establish proprietary rights."

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Also highlighted by this case is the importance of conducting a thorough due diligence. If acquiring intellectual property rights it is

important to determine that the party the intellectual property rights are being acquired from actually has the right and ability to grant those rights.

The importance of documenting the transfer of any rights in intellectual property is certainly made clear by this case.

It is also crucial to understand conducting a due diligence before acquiring any intellectual property rights may save issues such as those demonstrated in this case arising at a later and possibly more critical time, such as at a time when trying to enforce those rights. 1

## Hugh Macken joins legalsuper **Board**

Hugh Macken, the Law Society of New South Wales' 2008 President, had been appointed to its Board on the nomination of the Law Society of New South Wales.

Mr Macken replaced outgoing Board member, Robert Laurie.

Mr David Miles, legalsuper Chairman, said Mr Macken's appointment maintained the strong bond between legalsuper and the Australian legal sector.

legalsuper was established by legal professionals to serve the

interests of the legal sector, interests that Mr Macken has supported throughout his long career within the profession.

During his seven years with the Law Society, including a year as its President. Mr Macken chaired numerous committees and worked tirelessly with other members to promote justice and law reform, and tackle issues relevant to the legal profession.

Mr Macken has worked in private legal practice for over 20 years and is a partner at Sydney law firm, Beston Macken McManis.

He has extensive experience in industrial relations matters, dispute resolution and litigation and is an Accredited Specialist in personal injury law and has a Master of Laws from the University of Technology, Sydney.

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