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Introduction

Lester invested five years as a design engineer in Australia's heavy industries - locomotive and steelmaking, before entering the IP profession. He is now a registered Trans-Tasman Patent and Trade Mark Attorney of more than 17 years' experience.

Education and early career

Lester was awarded a scholarship to study at the University of Technology, Sydney by the staff of the School of Mechanical Engineering. He was awarded a Bachelor of Engineering in 1998 from UTS, which interleaved periods of industry experience with periods of study. His final year project was the design and CFD analysis of a solar car for the UTS team.

While studying, Lester gained valuable experience working in fan and blower design and manufacture, as well as in steelmaking and in international licensing and manufacture of garage doors and automatic openers. For three years, Lester later led teams of designers in locomotive and passenger train design and manufacture.

Technical expertise

Lester handles all aspects of front-end IP protection directly in Australia, NZ, and overseas, with a focus on patents and designs.

Lester's technical field is engineering, product development and software. He has drafted and prosecuted patent applications in underwater turbines, carbon remote power storage systems, modular solar power, PAPRs, O2O commerce and banking transaction and big data systems, among others.

Lester specialises in drafting patent specifications, and his work product is refined by client victories in Federal Court proceedings and Patent Office opposition proceedings for innovation patents, standard patents and registered designs.

Leadership and mentoring in the attorney profession

Lester is on the editorial board of the Australian Intellectual Property Law Bulletin, and has served as a juror on the Good Design Awards, which has been Australia's highest design accolade for 60 years.

Other interests

Lester has served as an observer in the World Solar Challenge, and as a charter skipper on the UTS yacht Impulse.