



Melanie Serafini

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Introduction

Melanie is a registered Trans-Tasman Patent and Trade Marks Attorney of about 18 months post-registration experience. Melanie has over 10 years of experience in the intellectual property (“IP”) field. Prior to joining Foundry Intellectual Property in 2023, she spent more than eight years working at Mars Australia as part of their in-house legal team providing IP support and guidance, before making the move to IP professional services and being part of three Brisbane legal practices. Melanie is a member of the Institute of Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys (IPTA).

Education and early career

Melanie has a BAppSci (Chemistry) and a Masters in Applied Science (Research) from Central Queensland University, as well as a Graduate Certificate in Intellectual Property from the University of Technology, Sydney.

After completing her Masters, Melanie worked as a Research Associate at Charles Sturt University in their School of Animal Science for about 20 months investigating novel antigens and adjuvants in livestock. Subsequently Melanie was employed by Mars Petcare Australia for nearly 17 years in various research and development roles and as part of the in-house intellectual property team where she provided IP support and guidance to the research and development teams.

Technical expertise

Melanie’s technical experience is broad-ranging, from research at the Agricultural and Wine Science School at Charles Sturt University to being a food scientist in the pet care industry.

Melanie has advised clients working in a number of industries and has prosecuted Australian and overseas patent applications in various technologies, including chemistry, agriculture and veterinary husbandry, medical or veterinary science, and mechanical inventions.

Other interests

Melanie also volunteers with Scouts Australia and is presently the Cub Scout and Scout section leaders at the Sandgate Scout Group.