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Steve White - Brief Biographical Details

Steve White is the principal and founder of the law firm [White SW Computer Law](#).

[White SW Computer Law](#) is a law firm which has practiced in the areas of [Intellectual Property](#), Information Technology and Telecommunications law since 1994.

It has [offices](#) in Melbourne, Sydney and Hong Kong, which provides legal, and legal related services, to:

- the information technology industry,
- information technology customers,
- intellectual property owners and licensees and
- the telecommunications industry.

It provides:

- commercial legal advice services,
- [litigation](#) services,
- [mediation](#) services,
- [expert determination](#), and
- [arbitration](#) services

with an emphasis on [intellectual property](#), information technology and telecommunications issues.

Mr White is:

- admitted to practice law in Australia,
- an [Accredited Commercial Litigation Specialist](#),
- a [registered trade mark attorney](#),
- a qualified [mediator](#) and [arbitrator](#),
- a [member](#) of the [Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia](#) .au domain name dispute resolution panel,
- a [fellow](#) and [grade 1 arbitrator](#) of the [Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia](#),
- a member of the [LEADR](#) .au domain name dispute resolution panel,
- a member of the [auDA Review Panel](#),
- a member of the [Law Society of New South Wales](#),
- a member of the [Law Institute of Victoria](#),
- a [fellow](#) of the [Australian Computer Society](#),
- a [fellow](#) of the [Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration](#),
- an [accredited mediator](#) and graded arbitrator of the [Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia](#),
- a member of the [WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre](#) general list of mediators and arbitrators,
- a member of the [Victorian Society for Computers and the Law](#),
- a member of the [Copyright Society](#),
- a former professional grade [member](#) of the [Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia](#) (now [ARITA](#)),
- a [member](#) of [LEADR](#),
- a [member](#) of the [ACDC Mediation Panel](#),
- a [member](#) of the [Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei](#) panel of arbitrators,
- a [member](#) of the [Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre](#) panel of arbitrators,

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- a [member](#) of the [Shenzhen Arbitration Commission Panel of Arbitrators](#),
 - a member of the NBN Co Dispute Management Pool,
 - a [fellow](#) of the [Chartered Institute of Arbitrators](#),
 - a member of the [Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration's arbitration panel](#), [domain name disputes panel](#) and [mediation panel](#),
 - a member of the [Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's Panel of Arbitrator for Intellectual Property Disputes](#),
 - a member of the [Pacific International Arbitration Centre](#) list of arbitrators,
 - an associate of the [Philippine Institute of Arbitrators](#),
 - a fellow of the [Australian Institute of Commercial Arbitration](#),
 - listed on the [Law Society of New South Wales](#) list of mediators and arbitrators,
 - listed on the [LIV Mediators List](#),
 - listed on the [LIV Magistrates Court external mediator list](#),
 - an author for [LexisNexis Practical Guidance](#) and
 - an author for [The College of Law](#) for its Commercial Litigation Masters subject, [Intellectual Property Litigation](#).

Mr White has:

- a [bachelors degree](#) in [Law](#),
- a [bachelors degree](#) in [Computer Science](#),
- a [Masters of Industrial Property](#),
- a [professional certificate](#) in [arbitration and mediation](#),
- completed a [certificate in commercial mediation](#) from the [Accord Group](#),
- a [certificate](#) in [Insolvency](#) and
- a [diploma in international arbitration](#) from the [Chartered Institute of Arbitrators](#).

Mr White has over 20 years of litigation experience in the [Federal Court](#), the [Supreme Court of New South Wales](#) and the [Supreme Court of Victoria](#).

Mr White served on the board of examiners for [Accredited Commercial Litigation Specialist](#) for 10 years.

Mr White has acted for a wide range of clients in involved in intellectual property, information technology and telecommunications including various government departments and agencies, universities, information technology companies and their customers and telecommunication companies and their customers.

Mr White is a regular conference speaker and has written various papers, which have been published both in Australia and internationally.

Mr White has acted as arbitrator in numerous substantial commercial disputes. [Mr White's arbitral resume can be found here](#).

Mr White was the arbitrator in the leading decisions of.

- [Larkden Pty Limited v Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited](#)¹
- [Larkden Pty Limited v Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited](#)²
- [Larkden Pty Limited v Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited](#)³
- [Larkden Pty Limited v Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited](#)⁴

His award has been upheld in each case. Further, those cases have been followed by subsequent Court decisions and now form part of the well-established arbitral law in Australia.

Mr White is a nationally accredited and experienced mediator acting as mediator in numerous substantial matters. For more information please visit www.mediator.com.au

Mr White is also the director and founder of [Software Escrow & Copyright Agents Pty Ltd](#) which provides escrow and technology services to many Australian and International companies and governments.

1. [2011] NSWSC 268
2. [2011] NSWSC 1331
3. [2011] NSWSC 1305
4. [2011] NSWSC 1567

Prior to commencing to practice law in 1992, Mr White worked in the IT industry for a number of years including time at [IBM Australia](#) as a software developer and as an instructor in Australia and South East Asia in:

- local area network products and services,
- operating systems,
- database design and
- communications systems.

Mr White has appropriate Australian Government Security Clearances.