

LAWS70061 Interpretation and Validity of Patents

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Prerequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Corequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Non Allowed Subjects:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Core Participation Requirements:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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Subject Overview:	This subject will examine a number of case studies to develop skills in the application of the rules of interpretation to an Australian patent specification and in the application of Australian patent law in the assessment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The validity of an Australian patent or patent application under the provisions of section 40 # The validity of an Australian patent or patent application in the light of prior art information supplied, including prior published specifications and prior user # The infringement of an Australian patent by a product or process.
Objectives:	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand how to read and interpret a patent specification # Be able, on the basis of this understanding, to advise clients on the issue of validity over given prior art, the requirements of section 40 of the Patents Act 1990 (Cth) and other relevant grounds of invalidity and, where relevant, to advise on issues of amendment # Be able, on the basis of this understanding, to advise clients on infringement issues relating to the patent in question.
Assessment:	4 hour examination (100%) (10 December, pm)
Prescribed Texts:	Visit the subject website for more information
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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