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Gordon Hughes is Managing Partner of the Melbourne office of national law firm, Hunt & Hunt. Hunt & Hunt has 37 Partners and a total complement of approximately 350 personnel. The firm has offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle, together with representative offices in Adelaide, Darwin and Perth.

Dr Hughes is also head of the firm's national Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law Division and is one of Australia's leading experts in his field. He is the author of the two standard legal texts on Information Technology Law, *Computer Contracts: Principles and Precedents* and *Data Protection in Australia* (both published by the Law Book Company). He is also the author of nearly 100 articles of Information Technology Law and a regular seminar speaker throughout Australia and overseas.

Dr Hughes has represented major private and public sector clients in Information Technology Law matters, involving both commercial advice and litigation. His clients include Tourism Tasmania, Totalizator Agency Board (Vic), Department of Education, Department of Planning and Development, Victorian WorkCover Authority, Department of the Treasury, NEC Information Systems (Australia) Pty Ltd, LaTrobe University, Melbourne Water and Epworth Hospital.

On certain occasions where a multi-disciplinary approach has been required by a client, Dr Hughes has acted as part of a consortium with Ferrier Hodgson and DMR. This has proved to be a constructive and effective method of meeting the client's needs in a cost-efficient manner.

Dr Hughes was President of the Law Institute of Victoria from 1992 - 1993. He has been President of the Victorian Society for Computers and the Law since 1991. His national reputation is reflected by his election in 1993 to the Executive of the Law Council of Australia.

Dr Hughes has a normal charge-out rate of \$300.00 per hour. In the event of being engaged for the Telecom/COTS dispute, Dr Hughes will charge a "preferred client rate" of \$250.00 per hour.

Dr Hughes envisages no conflict of interest. Hunt & Hunt has represented Telecom but not in Information Technology matters. Dr Hughes has not had personal dealings with Telecom in any legal matter.

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