Who is Dr. Simon Cichello? The Truth Behind Melbourne's Most Innovative and Ethical Private Investigator



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If you've searched "Melbourne Detective" or "Dr. Simon Cichello" recently, you may have come across confusing or outdated information. This article sets the record straight and celebrates a unique career shift from private intelligence to legal mastery.

Dr. Simon Cichello, formerly known as the Melbourne Detective, earned a strong reputation across six years for ethical, precise, and highly effective work in private investigation and OSINT (Open Source Intelligence). He was known not for confrontation, but for accuracy—and for bringing clarity to the most complex disputes. A Detective is closely assigned to a destination, a title. However, what is the real root of the word, and why does the Commonwealth government assign this word to "Detective Agencies" with respect to industry categories i.e. Detective agency service 77120? The word "detective" comes from the Latin verb *detegere*, meaning "to uncover," "expose," or "reveal." Its past participle, *detectus*,

serves as the root for the modern English term. This settles it then, the word "detective" originates as a verb and remains as such. Any misuse as destination title is a mere aberration and misuse.

From Evidence to Advocacy

Dr. Cichello has <u>never been affiliated with law enforcement</u>, nor has he claimed to be. Instead, he built a niche in civil fraud tracing, factual research, and forensic analysis—operating solely within the scope of private investigation and legal support. Again, in this context, "detective" is the verb "to detect/uncover".

Holding a *Ph.D.* and Bachelor of Laws (*LL.B*), Simon is currently undertaking a Master of Laws at The University of Melbourne, Australia's top-ranked law school. His transition reflects a deepening focus: from investigator to legal intellect.

The Legal World's "Back Room Brains"

Since stepping away from private investigation in 2025, Simon has become the back room legal strategist for several successful matters. He conducts high-level legal research, prepares evidentiary briefs, and analyses case theory, acting as the intellectual engine behind litigation teams. His work supports law firms including members of the Victorian Bar, Roberts Gray, JK Lawyers, Fogarty, Oliver & Rothschild, and Private Corporate Intelligence Agencies in the US, Asia and the Pacific among others.

His contributions span civil procedure, corporate disputes, and evidentiary law, with a methodical approach shaped by years of investigative rigour. While his name may not always appear on the courtroom file, his analysis often forms the backbone of the case.

"I prefer the strategy room to the spotlight," Simon notes. "That's where the real legal thinking happens."

A Career of Precision, Not Publicity

Simon's work has always respected legality, privacy, and the rules of evidence. His investigations were structured, client-consented, and aligned with professional ethics. There has never been any substantiated complaint or finding against him.

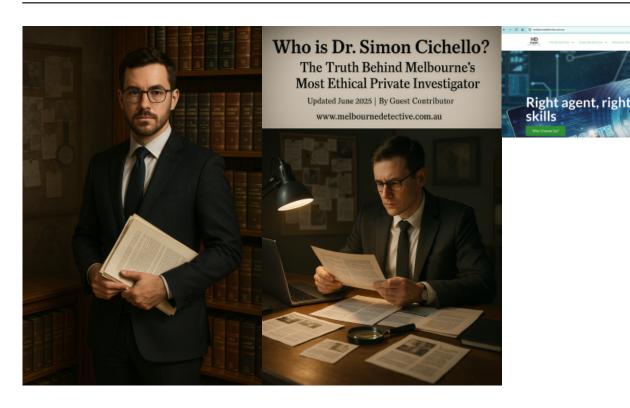
He is no longer engaged in field investigations. His sole professional focus today is legal research, postgraduate law, and supporting litigation teams through structured reasoning and factual clarity.

Quick Facts:

- Previous medical science researcher, and former private investigator with a flawless ethical record.
- Now conducting legal research and postgraduate study at The University of Melbourne.
- Known for OSINT expertise, litigation support, and evidentiary strategy.
- **Never affiliated** with law enforcement or any controversial figure.

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