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Dear alumni and friends,

Greetings from Auckland Law School.

I am pleased to bring you the first *Dean's Law News* - the new Auckland Law School's newsletter aimed at keeping our alumni informed on current happenings and upcoming initiatives. This email newsletter will supplement the annual magazine *Eden Crescent* by highlighting news and events happening throughout the year.

With a vibrant programme of shorter visits from local and international scholars, lawyers, and judges I encourage you to bookmark the [Law School website](#) so that you can stay current on news and upcoming events and don't miss out.

I look forward to keeping in closer touch with you and hearing your feedback.

With very best wishes

Paul Rishworth
Dean

LATEST NEWS

Retired judge's tribute to his alma mater



Justice David Baragwanath, one of the Auckland Law School's most illustrious alumni, did his alma mater the honour of a valedictory address the day after retiring as a judge of the Court of Appeal.

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Alumni reunited 60 years on

Events

- **26 August**
Graham Zellick public lecture "The creation of a unified coherent tribunal system"
- **27 August**
Legal Research Foundation's Miscarriages of Justice conference
A distinguished panel of speakers will gather in Auckland on 27 August to consider miscarriages of justice in New Zealand.
- **31 August**
Public seminar: Theoretical Problems Within the Law Series
Professor Jeff Berryman, will deliver a paper entitled: 'The Law of Remedies: A Prospectus for Teaching and Scholarship'.
- **17 September**
Seeking answers to leaky homes impasse
"Leaky homes -- Saving the Titanic?" is the theme of a conference



Anecdotes and memories from six decades ago flowed at a recent reunion of alumni from the Auckland Law School.

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Judge named top communicator



Auckland Law graduate Judge Andrew Becroft has been named as Communicator of the Year for 2009 by the Public Relations Institute of New Zealand (PRINZ).

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Auckland alumnus on Court of Appeal



Justice Lynton Laurence Stevens, a University of Auckland alumnus, has been appointed a Judge of the Court of Appeal.

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Legal academics 'interconnected' with judges, lawyers

The Chief Justice, the Rt Hon Sian Elias, has discussed the role of law schools in upholding the rule of law.

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Gift to strengthen Auckland Law School

Auckland lawyers Greg and Shelley Horton have endowed a substantial gift to the University of Auckland Law School.

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Representing indigenous Pacific peoples on UN Forum

Valmaine Toki, a lecturer in the Faculty of Law,

organised by the
Legal Research
Foundation.

Video



Watch Judge Andrew Becroft's interview on TVNZ's *Close Up*



Watch Dr David V Williams talk about "Māori and Pakeha: What shaped today's relationship?"

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Valmaine Toki, Dr Pita Sharples
and Hema Broad

has been appointed to the United Nations
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

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Contract essays showcase scholar's work

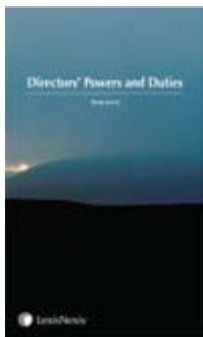


Justice Robert Chambers, Emeritus
Professor Brian Coote, Professor
Rick Bigwood

A volume of ten essays on contract law by
Emeritus Professor Brian Coote, *Contract as
Assumption*, has been published by Hart
Publishing.

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Prize for directors' duties book



Professor Peter Watts of the Auckland Law School has gained
the J.F. Northey Memorial Book Award for the best legal book
published in 2009 by a New Zealand-based author.

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Lecturer wins Australasian award for innovative approach



The LexisNexis-ALTA Award for Excellence and
Innovation in the Teaching of Law for 2010 has
gone to Mohsen al Attar, a lecturer at the
Auckland Law School.

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Law lecturer elected as Fellow of the Law and Economics Association of New Zealand

Dr Michael Littlewood has been elected as the
eighth Fellow of the Law and Economics
Association of New Zealand.



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Dr Don Brash, Dr Michael Littlewood & Bernard Robertson

Law School professor promoting debate on Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations



The creation of a comprehensive database of material on the negotiations for a Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) is being led by Professor Jane Kelsey.

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Oxford visitor in heavy demand

Professor John Gardner, a Professor of Jurisprudence at Oxford, proved a lively and stimulating presence at the Law School before Easter.

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US liberals on board with 'originalism'



Professor Jim Ryan, the inaugural Cameron Visiting Fellow, outlined the growing of influence of "originalism" in clarifying American constitutional issues in a public lecture at the Law School.

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Assoc. Prof. Scott Optican, Prof. Jim Ryan, Tim Cameron & Dean Paul Rishworth

Other news and events at the Faculty of Law

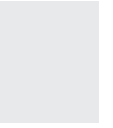
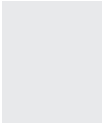
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