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Current Positions

- Partner, Duncan Cotterill, New Zealand
- President, New Zealand Insurance Law Association Inc
- Member, Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance
- Trustee, New Zealand Schools Debating Foundation

Principal Areas of Practice

- Commercial litigation
- Dispute resolution
- Insurance
- Public law

My expertise is in commercial litigation and dispute resolution. My focus is on commercial disputes, insurance law and public law. I have particular experience managing large, complex disputes and am an experienced advocate in the Courts and in mediation. I appear as counsel in all of the higher Courts in New Zealand.

In insurance law, my work predominantly involves advising on indemnity issues and defending professional liability claims, complaints/disciplinary processes and health and safety prosecutions. I act regularly for accountants, brokers, engineers, financial advisers, health professionals, lawyers and property professionals including architects, real estate agents, surveyors and valuers.

See more information [here](#).

Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales – 2007
- Barrister & Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand – 2003
- LLB (First Class Honours), University of Canterbury – 2001
- BA (Political Science), University of Canterbury – 2001

Employment

- Partner, Duncan Cotterill, New Zealand – since 2010
- Associate, Duncan Cotterill, New Zealand – 2004 to 2006 & 2009 to 2010
- Associate, Barlow Lyde & Gilbert, United Kingdom – 2006 to 2008
- Judges' Clerk, High Court of New Zealand – 2002 to 2004

Publications & Contributions

- “New Zealand” in *Insurance & Reinsurance Global Guide* (Thomson Reuters / Sweet & Maxwell, online, 2018).
- “Professional Liability & Insurance Issues” in *Professional Responsibility* (LexisNexis, online, 2018).
- “Litigation”, “Mediation” and “Arbitration” in *Practical Guidance: Investing in New Zealand* (Lexis Nexis, online 2018).
- “New Zealand” in *Commercial Litigation: International Series* (Thomson Reuters / Sweet & Maxwell, 2nd ed, 2015).
- *Legal Writing: A Complete Guide for a Career in Law* contributing author (LexisNexis, 2015)
- “A Critique of the Review of Processes Concerning Adverse Medical Events (*The Cull Report*)” in the *Canterbury Law Review* (2003) 9 Canta LR 37.

Notable Achievements

- **Winner, Cleary Memorial Prize – 2005.** The prize is awarded annually by the New Zealand Law Society to the lawyer admitted during the previous three years who gives the most promise of service to and through the profession having regard to personal character; qualities of leadership as shown by achievement and service at school and at university; reliability, progress and enthusiasm displayed in practical training in preparation for the practice of law; academic attainments; and interest and participation in general activities.
- **Member, New Zealand Council of Legal Education – 2002 to 2005.** The Council is an independent statutory body. The general activities of the Council concern public interest and regulatory matters and centre on the Council's responsibilities for the quality and provision of education and practical legal training that is required to be undertaken by any person either within New Zealand or from overseas wishing to be admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.