

## *Personal Details*

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**Nationality:** Pakeha New Zealander

Born, Takapuna, New Zealand, 10 April, 1939  
Three adult children, - two sons, one daughter

**Health:** Excellent

**Interests:** Reading (novels and poetry)  
Swimming  
Walking  
Theatre  
Theology

## *Career Highlights*

From 1989 to 1994 I was the Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Human Rights Commission. During this period the Human Rights Act 1993 was enacted which substantially increased the grounds on which discrimination is unlawful in New Zealand and expanded the role of the Commission in its advisory role on all rights including economic, social and cultural rights. It was also in this period that the co-ordinating committee for national institutions was established, following the drafting of the 'Paris Principles' in 1991. I was a founding member of that co-ordinating committee.

From 1994 to 1999 I was the Dean of the School of Law at the University of Waikato. The Law School is a relatively new school, established in 1990, dedicated to teaching the law in context, which in New Zealand includes recognition of the legal norms of the indigenous culture (Maori). At the Human Rights Commission, at the Law School and in the Anglican Church, my work has been based on the recognition of the Treaty of Waitangi, signed by Maori and the British Crown in 1840. The Treaty is regarded as establishing a partnership between Maori and the Crown as a basis for an on-going relationship. I have engaged in work on recognition of the Treaty as establishing a covenantal relationship and how that might be reflected in a constitutional context.

From 1999 to 2005 I was a member of the nine person International Executive Committee of Amnesty International. The Committee is elected at the bi-annual council as Amnesty International's governing body representing its one million + members world wide. I have been particularly involved in work on expanding Amnesty's mandate to include economic, social and cultural rights.

I am currently a member and was formerly the Chair of the Managing Committee of a non-governmental organisation, the Human Rights Foundation of Aotearoa/New Zealand. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a non-governmental partner to the New Zealand Human Rights Commission across the whole range of human rights, and to provide research, training, education and advocacy. The Foundation was launched in December 2001, (see [www.humanrights.co.nz](http://www.humanrights.co.nz)).

I am a member of the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis, a world wide Anglican Order.

My current research interests are in exploring the intersection between human rights theory and practice and religion and theology; and in the area of economic, social and cultural rights.

## ***Work Experience***

***Present:*** Honorary Professor of Law  
University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand  
  
Visiting Fellow, Kellogg College, Oxford

## ***Education***

1952 – 56 St. Cuthbert's College, Auckland, New Zealand  
1957 – 60 University of Auckland (MA Latin 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hons 1960)  
1961 Auckland Teachers' College  
1962 – 64 University College, London (MA 1964)  
1973 – 78 University of Otago (LLB 1978)  
2006 - University of Auckland, papers towards a Diploma in Theology  
Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand

## ***Career Summary***

1962 Junior Lecturer in Classics, University of Auckland  
1963 – 65 Tutor, Westminster Tutors, London  
1964 – 67 Tutor, Beechlawn Tutorial College, Oxford  
1967 – 69 Part-time Lecturer, Classics, Victoria University of Wellington  
1977 – 78 Part-time Law Clerk, Sinclair Gibson & Co, Dunedin  
1979 – 85 Lecturer in Law, University of Otago  
1986 – 89 Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Otago  
1989 – 94 Chief Commissioner and Chair of the NZ Human Rights Commission  
1994 – 99 Dean of Law, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand  
1999 – 2003 Professor of Law, University of Waikato, Hamilton  
2003 - 2011 Faculty Member, M.St Programme in International Human Rights Law, Oxford  
University Continuing Education Dept.  
  
2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, Tutor, Theology Programme, Oxford University Continuing Education  
Dept.

2000 - 2002, 2004 (Summer) Faculty Member, International Human Rights Programme,  
George Washington Law School and Oxford University Continuing  
Education Department.  
2004 Ladany Chair of Christian Social Teaching (Visiting, October–December), SCRC, Fujen  
University, Taiwan

### ***Awards and Scholarships***

Honorary Doctorate, University of Waikato, 2010

QSO for Public Service 1993

NZ Suffrage Year Centennial Medal 1993

Fullbright Travel Award – Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan Law School 1987 – 88

Visiting Scholar, St. John's College, Oxford (April – August 1987)

University National Scholarship 1956

### ***Teaching Experience***

Undergraduate courses in Human Rights, Constitutional Law, Torts, Contract, Employment  
(Labour) Law, Comparative Law, Conflict of Laws; graduate courses and research supervision in  
Human Rights, Torts, Employment Law and Comparative Law.

### ***Professional Activities***

Union Membership Exemption Tribunal, Deputy Presiding Officer 1988 – 1990

Trustbank Otago, Director 1988-89

Research Centre for Industrial Relations and Labour Studies, Dunedin 1986-1989

New Zealand Federation of University Women 1970 – present – Committee 1973 – 74

Otago Women Lawyers' Society (1986-89)

International Advisory Board, World Report on Freedom of Conscience, Religion and Belief  
(University of Essex)

Founding member of the Co-ordinating Committee (8 members) for the developing network of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (1991-1994)

Film and Literature Board of Review 1995 – 2001

Board of Legal Education, Fiji 1998-99

## ***Church and Community Activities***

Member of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis 1988 -

All Saints (Anglican) Church 1979-83 Vestry: Diocesan Synod representative 1988 - 89

Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission of New Zealand (bi-lateral national commission) 1985 - 98

Otago University Chaplaincy Committee (1981-89)

Provincial Commission on Ecumenism (Anglican General Synod) 1986 – 92

St John's Theological College, Board of Governors 1992 - 1994

Chaplaincy Committee, University of Waikato 1996 – 98

Anglican Social Services Diocesan Trust Board 1997 – 98

Tikanga Pakeha Commission on Sexuality 1995 – 98

Commission on Constitutional Arrangements (General Synod) 1997 - 2000

Treaty and Partnership Commission 2000 – 2002

St. Matthews in the City (Anglican) Church Vestry 2004 – 2011 Vicar's Warden 2005 –2010

Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat Centre Board 2004 –

Anglican Pacifist Fellowship: Committee 2005 – Chair (NZ Section) 2006 - 9

Amnesty International: Local group since 1968 – Chairperson, NZ Section, 1998 – 1999

Elected Member, International Executive Committee (9 members) 1999 – 2005

Alumni Association (University of Auckland) President 1999 – 2001

Refugee Council of NZ 1999 – 2005

Human Rights Foundation of Aotearoa/New Zealand, Chair, Management Committee, 2001 – 8

Peace Foundation, Council member, 2005 – 2006

Just Housing Trust, Member 2005 – 2009

Aotearoa New Zealand Peace and Conflict Studies Centre Trust, Trustee, 2006 -

One World Trust, International Advisors' Group, 2009 -

## ***Research and Published Work (not including conference and other presentations)***

*Halsbury's Laws of England* (NZ Commentary): Chapter on "Misrepresentation and Fraud" (Butterworths, 1984) 81 pp.

*Dismissal and Redundancy Procedures* (with Dr A Szakats) (Butterworths, 1985) 260 pp (2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1991).

Chapters on Economic Torts and Unfair Competition in *The Law of Torts in New Zealand* ed. S. Todd, Law Book Co (1991) (2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1997)

*Towards a Uniform Law of Dismissal in New Zealand* (1987) 12 NZULR 384

*Implementing International Human Rights Norms in the Domestic Jurisdiction. The role of a national institution* (1994) Canterbury Law Review 337 – 350

*The International Law Dimension of Human Rights in New Zealand* (with Paul Hunt) pp 37-70 in *Rights and Freedoms: The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Human Rights Act 1993* eds. G. Huscroft and P.Rishworth 1996.

*Constitutionalising Rights and Responsibilities in Aotearoa/New Zealand* (1998) 9 Otago L.R. pp.343 – 354

“The Church and Human Sexuality: Bringing a Human Rights Perspective” (29pp) in *The Bible, the Church and Homosexuality* ed. N. Coulton (DLT, 2005)

“Women, Religion and the Law in Aotearoa / New Zealand: the Complexity of Accommodating Different Value Systems in Law” (with Leah Whiu) in *Mixed Blessings: Women, Laws & Religion* ed. C. Evans and A. Whiting ( Martinus Nijhoff, 2006).

“Work Rights: a Human Rights-based Response to Poverty” (with Diane Frey), in Van Bueren, G. ed. *Freedom from poverty*, UNESCO, 2009.

“Who then is my neighbour? Ethical decision making around our international obligations – the contribution of human rights theory and practice”, in *Ethics and Public Policy – Contemporary Issues*, ed. J. Boston et al, Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, 2010.

“The International Law Dimension of Human Rights in New Zealand” (2010- ) in *Brookers Human Rights Law*, Brookers, Wellington 2008

“Studying the Law in Context: Exploring an International Dimension of New Zealand Law”, (2010) 18 Wai L Rev 53 - 65

*Law into Action: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand* eds. M. Bedggood and K. Gledhill (Thomson Reuters, 2011)

“Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: the International Background” in *Law into Action: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand*, eds. M.Bedggood and K. Gledhill (Thomson Reuters, 2011)