

# Chris Chapman

BARRISTER, WELLINGTON

## QUALIFICATIONS

- BSc, LL.M (first class honours)
- Called to the bar England & Wales 1980
- Admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand 1983
- Admitted Supreme Court England & Wales (non practising) 1986

## PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation, arbitration, mediation, aviation, banking, financial law, defamation, insolvency, insurance, commercial lease disputes, Commerce Act, Fair Trading Act, judicial review, intellectual property, general commercial law, estates disputes.

## EXPERIENCE

- Barrister since 2005
- For 15 years a litigation partner in the Wellington office of Buddle Findlay
- Counsel for Bank of New Zealand in litigation relating to claims by foreign currency borrowers and other banking disputes
- Counsel for ENZA in Commerce Act litigation
- Counsel for Southway Properties in insider trading litigation
- Counsel for receivers, liquidators and creditors in corporate insolvency litigation
- Counsel for Contact Energy in arbitration and litigation concerning gas contracts
- Acting in construction disputes
- Counsel for Inform Group in tax and IT litigation
- Counsel for ENZA and its executives in defamation litigation

- Counsel for Norbrook Laboratories in breach of confidence litigation
- Acting for commercial lessors in rent review disputes and valuation issues
- Acting in commercial landlord and tenant disputes
- Acting in estates disputes
- Appearing before the Copyright Tribunal
- Advising on and acting in insurance disputes
- Advising insureds on PI, D&O, etc cover
- Counsel in the Court of Appeal for Waikato Regional Airport and others in their dispute over the legality of biosecurity charges
- Counsel for Wellington International Airport Limited in its arbitration with Air New Zealand, Qantas and BARNZ over various landing charges issues
- Counsel for the Civil Aviation Authority in two claims to the issue of certificates of airworthiness (as they were then called)
- Advising on defence of several prosecutions of pilots for various regulatory offences (e.g. entering controlled airspace without clearance)
- Acting for pilots in their disputes with CAA over their fitness to hold their commercial pilot licences
- Counsel for pilot prosecuted for overloading
- Acting for insurers of Fairchild Dornier relating to litigation arising out of Metroliner ZK-RCA undercarriage collapse at Hamilton Airport
- Acting for insurers in relation to the loss of Convair CV580 ZK-KFU off Paraparaumu
- Acting for Kapiti Coast Airport at coroner's inquest into triple fatality at airport
- Acting for pilot's estate and commercial microlight operator at coroner's inquest into double fatality at Takaka
- Acting for owner of damaged vintage aircraft in successful claim against Warbirds Over Wanaka and NZDF.
- Various tasks as honorary solicitor of NZ Sport and Vintage Aviation Society including negotiating airshow insurance for the Wings Over Wairarapa biennial airshow
- Instructed by PCO to assist with drafting of the District Courts Rules 2014
- Making suggestions to the Rules Committee on rules requiring amendment

- Making submissions to the select committees on the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Amendment Bill, the Motor Vehicle Sales Bill and Limitation Bill.
- Contributor to *Brooker's Civil Procedure District Courts and Tribunals*
- Former contributor to *Cross on Evidence*
- Author of papers on conflicts of interest in insurance (VUWLR) and subrogation (Canta LR) and various articles in the New Zealand Law Journal
- Delivered conference papers on insurance of environmental risk (Kuala Lumpur), subrogation (Perth) and Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act (NZ)
- Sometime faculty member of NZLS Litigation Skills Programme

#### **AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member Royal Aeronautical Society
- Former committee member and honorary solicitor New Zealand Sport and Vintage Aviation Society
- Trustee of Wairarapa Flying Tigers
- Former member of the Aviation Community Advisory Group established by NZ Civil Aviation Authority
- Formerly council member Aviation Industry Association

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