



Michael Heron QC | Barrister

Qualifications

BCA, LLB(HONS)
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY [1990]

LLM (HONS)
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY [1991]

SOLICITOR, ALLEN & OVERY
LONDON AND TOKYO [1991-1994]

SOLICITOR AND PARTNER
MEREDITH CONNELL [1995-2007]

PARTNER
RUSSELL MCVEAGH [2007-2012]

SOLICITOR-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND
[2012-2016]

QUEEN'S COUNSEL
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Experience

Michael has conducted significant legal matters and litigation in the regulatory, commercial, public law, health, media, sport, tax, treaty and intelligence/security areas.

He has appeared as lead counsel in all New Zealand Courts including the Privy Council, and has conducted significant commercial arbitrations for both the Crown and corporate clients.

Michael's experience as Solicitor-General included advising on a full range of legal matters to Ministers and Chief Executives, amongst others. He appeared before Select Committees and in a range of Tribunals including the Waitangi Tribunal.

Michael has been a board member and Chair of a Crown Entity (Drug Free Sport NZ) and a member of the Council of the Auckland Branch, NZLS. He is also a member of the Institute of Directors. He has been a judicial officer for SANZAR since 2012 and has advised sporting bodies on a range of integrity and legal issues.

He has conducted significant reviews in the sporting and healthcare fields, including the review of the All Black campaign in Rugby World Cup 2007.

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His governance and organisational experience provides him with a unique insight into the workings of government and legal business.

Recent testimonials include:

Media Statement: State Services Commissioner acknowledges retiring Solicitor-General.

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Press Release: Solicitor-General to step down.

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