CHRISTOPHER

LLB (Well), MA (Hons) (Massey), LLM (Cantab) GRIGGS

BARRISTER

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION	
University of Cambridge Master of Law First class honours in international law	2010
Massey University Master of Arts First class honours in defence and strategic studies	2003
Victoria University of Wellington Bachelor of Laws	1992
ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS	
Honorary Senior Fellow, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong	2015 - present
1912 Senior Scholar, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge	2010 - 2011
Johnson Jary Prize, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge	2010
RECENT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE	
Barristers.Comm	2014 - Present
Barrister sole representing public and private sector clients nationwide in a broad range of civil and criminal matters.	

New Zealand Defence Force

Chief Legal Advisor, Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand

Lecturer in aviation law at Massey University. See

www.barristerscomm.com for more detail.

2012 - 2013

Responsible for delivery of legal services to the operational headquarters and all deployed New Zealand forces worldwide. Member of the leadership teams of Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand and Defence Legal Services.

Deputy Director of Legal Services - Operations LawResponsible for legal advice on operations and international law to the strategic headquarters, including advice to senior commanders and Ministers. **Chief of Staff** of Defence Legal Services.

Deputy Director of Legal Services - Personnel LawResponsible for legal advice on military criminal justice, human rights, official information, privacy and employment law to the strategic headquarters, including advice to senior commanders and Ministers.

Military Justice Review Project Officer

2002 - 2009

Delivered comprehensive law reform project, resulting in substantial amendments to statute law and subordinate legislation, including advice to Ministers and select committee of Parliament.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Advocate 1998 - Present

Numerous appearances in criminal trials and appeals, commencing as junior and then graduating to sole charge and lead counsel/mentor/evaluation roles. Regular appearances in civil proceedings in the Court of Appeal, High Court and other courts and tribunals.

Representative/presenter at domestic and international conferences, workshops and seminars

2003 - Present

Numerous papers presented on diverse legal topics during conference, workshop and seminar attendances in North America, Europe, South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Leader 2004 - 2013

Responsible for career management and development of NZDF legal advisors, and budget management of Defence Legal Services, while serving as Chief of Staff. Leadership and mentoring role.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

'Legal Constraints on Maritime Operations Affecting Merchant Shipping' (2005) 19 MLAANZ Journal 148

'Just Culture and Accountability for Flight Safety Events in Australia and New Zealand' (2014) 79 *Journal of Air Law and Commerce* 441

Aviation Law in New Zealand (Thomson Reuters, forthcoming)

LANGUAGES

English - native language

French and German – speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency Italian – speak, read, and write with basic competence

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand in 1994, with current practicing certificate as a barrister sole

Member of New Zealand Law Society Wellington Branch Council 2016

Admitted to List of Counsel of the International Criminal Court in 2016

International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

o Elected to Board of Directors in 2009

American Society of International Law

o Member of Lieber Society Executive Committee 2008 - 2011

Aviation Law Association of Australia and New Zealand

Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand

President of Italian Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand

Member of French and German chambers of commerce in New Zealand