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Tertiary Education

- 1985-89 University of Cambridge; Ph.D. Studies at the Faculty of Law; W.M. Tapp Scholarship, Gonville and Caius College.
- 1983-4 University of Toronto: LL.M. Commonwealth Scholarship
- 1979-1982 University of Canterbury LL.B (Hons.) with First Class Honours; Gold Medal for Law, jointly.

Current Activities

Currently holding practising certificate; Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand; member NZ Bar Association

International legal adviser, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition

Regularly attend International Seabed Authority, South Pacific RFMO (SPRFMO), Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement (CAOFA), Southern Indian Ocean Agreement (SIOFA)

Also BBNJ (representing High Seas Alliance)

Legal Career

Year	Forum	Parties	Brief Description
1996- Current	Barrister	Specialise in law of the sea including fisheries, marine biodiversity, seabed mining; domestic environmental litigation including deep seabed, shallow seabed mining; renewable energy, climate litigation.	New Zealand practising certificate held. In-house legal adviser to Greenpeace International on international law involving myriad cases and matters starting with Rainbow Warrior arbitration against France (1986/7)
1985- 1996	Various	Various	

Selected Cases

Year	Case	Forum	Brief Description
2024	ITLOS Climate Advisory Opinion	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	Memorial for High Seas Alliance
2019-2023	Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd v The Taranaki Whanganui Conservation Board and others [2020] NZCA 86; [2021] NZSC 127	High Court, Court of Appeal; Supreme Court	Appeals from EPA decision to grant marine consent. Prevailed in both.
2016-2019	NZ EPA Application by Trans- Tasman Resources Limited for Marine Resource Consent (seabed mining)	EPA	Counsel to Greenpeace, Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) on 2nd application by TTR for seabed mining. Permit granted; appealed to High Court; prevailed; appeal to Court of Appeal, Supreme Court.
2016	Pickering v Christchurch Court City Council Technology, applicant.	Environment Court	Successful Appeal to gain windfarm consent.
	Marine Objection London	Marine Stewardship Council	Marine Stewardship Council Certification upheld in Orange Roughy Council
	Kiwis Against Seabed Counsel to Kiwis Against Court Mining Inc. v Seabed Mining (KASM)	Environment Court	successful application for orders Authority for release of environmental information in seabed mining application
2015	ITLOS Request for an advisory Opinion Case 17	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	Counsel to WWF and opinion submitted by the Greenpeace in filing amicus Sub-regional Fisheries brief before Court. Not accepted Commission (SRFC) due to procedural reasons but

			(Request for Advisory placed on website and circulated Opinion submitted to the by ITLOS . Tribunal)
2014-15	KASM and others	EPA	Concluded; succeeded in Chatham Rock Phosphate defeating marine consent application
2014	KASM and others	EPA	Concluded; succeeded in Trans Tasman Resources defeating marine consent application
2014	Re Greenpeace of New Zealand	Supreme Court	Important win for NGOs on charitable
			Successful in gaining consent; resource consent for currently in appeal in
2014-15	Resource Windflow Technology	CCC Hearing	Hearing appeal wind turbine; appeals Environment Court
			Appeal on point of law related Court to taking climate change into account in consenting coal mine.
2013	NZ Supreme West Coast ENT Inc v Buller Coal Ltd [2013] NZSC 87, [2014]	Supreme Court	Counsel to WWF and Greenpeace; amicus curiae Sponsoring Persons and brief not formally accepted due Entities with Respect to procedural limitations but
2011	ITLOS Responsibilities and Obligations of States, Case 17	ITLOS	Activities in the Area: placed on court website and circulated by ITLOS.
2009	Resource Windflow application	Environment Court	Successful Consent for windfarm consent Hearing; Long Gully Successful in defeating coal fired power station; Supreme Court ruled against on point of law following, on taking climate change into account.
2008	Greenpeace v Genesis Greenpeace New Zealand v. Northland RC power station; High Court [2007]	Supreme Court	
2007	NZRMA	NZ High Court	Succeeded in stopping coal fired agreed climate change relevant.

2003	NZ Env't. Ct. Pegasus Bay Beach Users	Resource consent hearing	succeeded in stopping discharge of treated sewage into estuary
2001			Christchurch City Council
Oct 2000- March 2001	NZ Royal Commission into Genetic Modification	Royal Commission	Counsel for Greenpeace
1999	NZ Env. Ct Specialist Incineration		Appeal of resource consent
	NZ Blackett, J & Others;		Barrister; appeal of resource consent
	NZ Advice to Canterbury		Memo: Legal Aspects of Submission to Regional Council
	NZ Submissions to		Submission to Canterbury Regional Committee
	NZ - Env. Ct Nelson Airport Noise		Council
	NZ - Env. Ct Greenpeace New Zealand		Submissions and subsequent Action Council Inc. v
	NZ - - Marine High Rise		Appeal
	NZ - Env. Ct Royal Forest and Bird		Submissions to
	Greenpeace New Zealand, Inc. and others v Minister Health	Environment Court	Christchurch Submission to Fighting Fund City Council Committee
1998	Greenpeace New Zealand, Inc v	Environment Court	Application for declaration
1997	Greenpeace New Zealand, Inc.	Environment Court	Application for judicial review Minister of Health
1994	NZ National Stratford Inquiry into Gas fired power station	National Inquiry	Submissions and subsequent appeal on behalf of Greenpeace
			Environment B -O P
			Appeal against resource consent on behalf of Greenpeace. Case settled.
			NZ first hearing on climate change

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