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PROFILE

- 1 Barrister at Bankside Chambers specialising in international commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration and public international law.
- 2 Accepts appointments as counsel, arbitrator and adjudicator (domestic and international).
- 3 Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ).
- 4 PhD from the University of Cambridge in public international law.
- 5 Co-lecturer of the International Arbitration LLM course at the University of Auckland.
- 6 Regularly publishes and presents on areas of interest in dispute resolution.

EDUCATION

- 2006** **PhD** (International Law), University of Cambridge, UK (Tapp Scholar, Gonville and Caius College)
- 2000** **LLB** (First Class Honours), University of Waikato, New Zealand
- 2000** **Bachelor of Arts** (double major: Political Science/French), University of Waikato, New Zealand

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 -** **Bankside Chambers** (Auckland; Singapore) – Barrister & Arbitrator
- Acting as Arbitrator and Counsel in commercial and investment arbitrations (domestic and international)
 - Acting as Adjudicator (Construction Contracts Act)
 - Acting as Tribunal Secretary in international arbitrations
 - Providing specialist advisory work on international arbitration
- 2018 -** **University of Auckland** (Auckland) – Lecturer
- International Arbitration, Masters course

- 2011-2018** **Bankside Chambers** (Auckland) – Barrister employed by Sir David Williams QC
- Acting as Tribunal Secretary and Tribunal Assistant in multiple international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations.
 - Regular presenter on international arbitration matters.
- Jan 2007-
Dec 2010** **Herbert Smith LLP** (London) – Associate and Senior Associate, International Arbitration and Public International Law Group
- Advising and representing clients in a wide range of international commercial arbitrations including under the ICC Rules, LCIA Rules and UNCITRAL Rules
 - Advising on issues of public international law
 - Advising the International Law Association on issues of transnational litigation (including jurisdiction and comity issues)
 - Pro bono work with the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General on Business and Human Rights (Prof. John Ruggie)
 - Ad hoc lectures and other guest speaking roles on “international arbitration” and “business and international human rights law”
- 2004-2006** **United Nations** – Contracted report writer assigned to UN Environmental Programme conferences (part time work while undertaking doctoral studies, totalling approximately 3-4 months of work spread over this period)
- 2000- 2003** **Chapman Tripp** (Wellington, NZ) – Solicitor, General commercial/corporate solicitor specializing in Mergers and Acquisitions

ASSOCIATIONS

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow

Arbitrators’ & Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand, Fellow and Member of the AMINZ Governing Council

Panel Member: Singapore International Arbitration Centre (Reserve Panel); New Zealand International Arbitration Centre; Arbitrators’ & Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand

New Zealand Law Society

New Zealand Bar Association

Australia & New Zealand Society of International Law

ADMISSIONS

2008 **England and Wales**

2000 **New Zealand**

ACADEMIC PRIZES/SCHOLARSHIPS

2003 - 2006 **W.M. Tapp Studentship in Law** - Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge

- 2003 - 2006 Overseas Research Students Award** – Universities UK
- 2004 Cambridge Commonwealth Society** – Admitted as a Fellow
- 2002 New Zealand Law Society Cleary Memorial Prize** for the Most Promising Young Lawyer in New Zealand
- 1996-1999 University Prizes** – First in: Public Law, Tort, Crimes, Evidence, and Civil Procedure. New Zealand Law Journal Prize in Law. Winner of NZ Witness Examination Competition and NZ Family Law Mooting Competition

PUBLICATIONS

A Kirk and P Larvin "Legislative developments in business and human rights/modern slavery" [2020] NZLJ 110

A Kawharu and A Kirk "Arbitration" [2018] New Zealand Law Review 723

A Kirk "Analysis of the AANZFTA" in L. Mistelis et. al (eds) *World Arbitration Reporter* (Juris Publishing, 2018)

D Williams and A Kirk "Party Autonomy, Jurisdiction and the Integrity of the Arbitration: limits and limitations" in M. Moser and N. Kaplan (eds) *Jurisdiction, Admissibility and Choice of Law in International Arbitration* (Wolters Kluwer, 2018)

D Williams and A Kawharu (with Contributing Authors: A Kirk, D Kalderimis and W. Miles) *Williams & Kawharu on Arbitration* (Lexis Nexis, 2017)

A Kawharu and A Kirk "Arbitration" [2016] New Zealand Law Review 615

D Williams and A Kirk "Fair and Equitable Treatment of Witnesses in International Arbitration – Some Emerging Principles" chapter in D. Caron et al (eds) *Practising Virtue – Inside International Arbitration* (OUP, 2015)

A Kirk "Document Disclosure in Litigation and Arbitration" [2012] NZLJ 123

D Williams and A Kawharu (with Contributing Authors: A Kirk, D Kalderimis and C. Walker) *Williams & Kawharu on Arbitration* (Lexis Nexis, 2011)

S Brabant and A Kirk, "States, Sanctions and Soft Law: An Analysis of Differing Approaches to Business and Human Rights Frameworks" chapter in T Weiler and F Baetens (eds) *New Directions in International Economic Law* (Nijhoff, 2011)

M Weiniger and A Kirk "Commentary on the new ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement" *Global Arbitration Review* (2009)

A Kirk "Corporations and Human Rights: Two Key Developments" 33 *South African Yearbook of International Law* (2008) 38