

HON SIR IAN BARKER QC

Education

University of Auckland: BA, LL.B, Honorary LL.D

Professional

1997 –	Arbitrator and Mediator
1976 – 1997	Judge of High Court of New Zealand
1973	Queen’s Counsel, New Zealand
1958	Admitted to the New Zealand Bar

Publications and Positions

Sir Ian Barker had a wide general practice as a barrister in Auckland until he was appointed a Judge of the High Court in 1976 at the age of 42. On the bench he presided over much major commercial litigation. He was the force behind the creation of the Commercial List in the Auckland High Court. He was Judge-in-charge of this list from 1987 to 1997. He also served terms as Acting Chief Justice of New Zealand and member of the Court of Appeal. He currently serves on several Pacific Courts of Appeal.

Since his retirement, Sir Ian has conducted many commercial arbitrations and mediations. He has been appointed as chair of the arbitral tribunal by the ICC on 7 occasions, as sole arbitrator once and as party-appointed arbitrator once. He was Chair of an ad hoc panel for a BIT dispute.

He is Past-President (2000 - 2002) of the Arbitrators’ & Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK). He is a Past-President of the Auckland Medico Legal Society and was Chancellor of the University of Auckland from 1991 to 1999 (ie. ceremonial head and chair of governing body). He was chairman of the Banking Ombudsman Commission of New Zealand for 13 years. He has served on a number of inquiries involving both academic institutions and commercial organisations. He was knighted in 1994 for services to the law. He is a New Zealand-appointed member of the ICSID Panel in Washington, a member of the panels of the Arbitrators’ & Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand, Kuala Lumpur International Arbitration Centre, British Columbia International Arbitration Centre, Australian Commercial Disputes Centre, American Arbitration Association and Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group.

He is a Domain Name Dispute Resolution Panelist for the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the National Arbitration Forum, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, and Internet New Zealand.

He has delivered papers at numerous conferences and written articles on a variety of legal topics.

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