

## KIT TOOGOOD QC

### Education

Victoria University of Wellington: LL.B (1972)

### Professional

1999 Appointed Queen's Counsel  
1973 Admitted as barrister and solicitor

### Publications, Positions and Associations

Kit Toogood QC is co-author of the Brookers texts *Employment Contracts* (published 1991); *Employment Law* (published 2000); and *Personal Grievances* (published 2002), and was co-presenter of New Zealand Law Society seminars in 1991, 1999, and 2005. He has presented numerous papers at New Zealand and international conferences and seminars on employment law; competition law; and sports law. Kit Toogood QC was a co-author of *Winning the Red Tape Game: A club guide to New Zealand law* (published by Brookers Limited in 2005), and is a member of the Editorial Committee of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Journal.

Kit Toogood QC is a member of the arbitration panel of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and is a former Deputy Chairperson of the New Zealand Sports Tribunal. He was formerly Vice-President of the New Zealand Bar Association and President of the Wellington Marriage Guidance Council. He is a member of the New Zealand Bar Association; the New Zealand Law Society; the Auckland District Law Society Inc; the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand; the Northern Club Inc; and the Royal Auckland Golf Club Inc.

He is currently Chairman of Directors, Auckland Theatre Company Ltd and Chairman of the Theatre Foundation Inc. Other positions with performing arts organisations include Chairman, Board of Trustees, Royal New Zealand Ballet from 1992 to 1999, and Chairman, Downstage Theatre Trust, Wellington from 1989 to 1991.

### Areas of Specialisation

After 18 years as a litigation partner in Wellington firms, Kit Toogood QC joined the Independent Bar in 1990. Since moving to Auckland in 1992, he has specialised in civil and commercial litigation; employment, sports, and criminal law; and arbitration and mediation. He is a member of the Prosecutor Panel for the Serious Fraud Office, and of the SPCA pro bono prosecutors panel.

Kit Toogood QC's litigation experience includes frequent appearances in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal; Labour and Employment Courts; and the Employment Tribunal and Employment Relations Authority, on behalf of employees, employers, employer organisations and unions. He has conducted civil and commercial litigation in all New Zealand courts; appeared as senior counsel in major criminal trials for both the prosecution and defence in the High Court and District Courts; and has substantial appellate experience in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court (in civil and criminal matters), and in the Employment Court. He has also appeared in the High Court and Court of Appeal of the Cook Islands.

In 2004, Kit Toogood QC was appointed by the State Services Commissioner to conduct a commission of inquiry into actions of employees of the Immigration Service and the Parliamentary Service (the "guinea pig letter" inquiry). The report may be found at <http://www.ssc.govt.nz/display/document.asp?NavID=121&DocID=3817>.

Kit Toogood QC has accepted numerous appointments as an arbitrator and mediator in employment and other civil disputes. He is an adviser to television and radio producers and broadcasters on defamation and broadcasting standards. He also provides strategic advice to major corporations and government departments on employment issues, including contract negotiation; restructuring; termination of employment; and legislative compliance, and advises commercial and not-for-profit organisations on governance issues. Kit Toogood QC's sports law practice includes advising national and provincial sports organisations and representing players before disciplinary tribunals.

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