

CHRISTINE MEECHAN

Education

University of Canterbury: LL.B

Professional

1985 - 1987 Staff Solicitor, Litigation Department – Heaney, Jones & Mason,
1987 - 2004 Staff Solicitor, Litigation Department – Bell Gully; (6 months as Staff Solicitor,
Elliot & Co. (London) June 1989 - January 1990)
1995 - 2008 Partner, Litigation Department – Bell Gully

Publications and Positions

- Immediate Past President of New Zealand Insurance Law Association (2005 - 2007), National Committee Member 2001 - 2004
- Co-convenor of joint NZILA and Australian Insurance Law Association Conference (2007), National Committee Member 2001 - 2004
- Associate of Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand
- Member of LEADR (Course complete 1996)
- Founding Member of Society of Construction Law
- Member of Auckland District Law Society Prosecutors Panel

Areas of Specialisation

Christine has practised almost exclusively in the field of commercial/civil litigation since admission in 1985. Through this time she has undertaken a range of subrogated recovery actions and liability defences in District Court appearances from Kaikohe to Invercargill. This general commercial practice gave her the opportunity to work in other areas including insolvency (the long running Registered Searches Ltd liquidation), construction and employment law. She has led in a number of High Court trials and appeared in both the Court of Appeal and Privy Council.

She has acted as counsel in several major arbitrations including:

- *Coeur Gold NZ Ltd v DML Resources Ltd (In Liquidation)*
(Sir Ian McKay, Arbitrator)
- *Fletcher Aluminium Ltd v O'Sullivan*
Kit Toogood QC, Arbitrator
- *Downer Construction Ltd v Silverfield Developments Ltd*
Tomas Kennedy-Grant QC, Arbitrator

Christine's practice continues to be a mixture of insurance, construction and employment work.

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NZLRs

1. *Downer Construction (New Zealand) Ltd v Silverfield Developments Ltd* – [2007] 1 NZLR 785 High Court 11 May 2006 New Zealand Law Reports
... and C Booth for Downer. T Weston QC and C Meechan for Silverfield. Cur adv vult HARRISON J.
... of remedial work. Mr Tom Weston QC and Ms Christine Meechan for Silverfield contend that the contractual regime specifically contemplated Downer ...
2. *Neagle v Rimmington* – [2002] 13 NZLR 826 High Court 10 September 2002 New Zealand Law Reports

- ... Molloy QC and K Sherry for Ms Neagle. C M Meechan and S C Price for the respondents in support Cur ...
3. **Hamilton v Papakura District Council** – [2002] 3 NZLR 308 Judicial Committee 28 February 2002 New Zealand Law Reports
... E Casey and G Blanchard for the Hamiltons. C M Meechan for Papakura. Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, 0 J van ...
... the damage to the appellants was not foreseeable. C M Meechan for Papakura District Council. Papakura adopts and supports the submissions ...
 4. **Fletcher Aluminium Ltd v O'Sullivan** – [2001] 2 NZLR 731 Court of Appeal 20 March 2001 New Zealand Law Reports
... covenant was unenforceable. J G Miles QC and C M Meechan for Fletcher Aluminium Ltd. D J Neutze for Mr O ...
 5. **Hamilton v Papakura District Council** – [2000] 1 NZLR 265 Court of Appeal 29 September 1999 New Zealand Law Reports
... Watercare), the second respondent. Matthew Casey for the Hamiltons. Christine Meechan for the Council. Guy Chapman and Alison Weir for Watercare.
... for some uses within that purpose and not others. Ms Meechan for the Council referred to what she called the" ...
 6. **Coromandel Peninsula Watchdog Inc v Hauraki District Council** – [1997] 1 NZLR 557 High Court 19 December 1996 New Zealand Law Reports
... first defendant (Hauraki District Council) David Williams QC and Christine Meechan for the second defendant (Coeur Gold New Zealand Ltd). HAMMOND ...
 7. **Des Forges v Wright** – [1996] 2 NZLR 758 High Court 7 March 1996 New Zealand Law Reports
... appellants. David Bigio for the first respondent (HG Wright)- Christine Meechan for the second and third respondents (AFFCO New Zealand Ltd ...
 8. **International Bottling Co v Collector of Customs** – [1995] 2 NZLR 579 High Court 22 March 1995 New Zealand Law Reports
... assessment of excise duty by the Collector of Customs. Christine Meechan and Laurie Pearson for the appellant ...
 9. **Bird v Bicknel** – [1987] 2 NZLR 542 High Court 23 September 1987 New Zealand Law Reports
... M Carden for the plaintiffs. A H Waalkens and Christine Meechan for the defendants. HILLYER J. This is a claim for ...

PRNZs

1. **TUCK v REGISTRAR, DISTRICT COURT AUCKLAND (1991) 3 PRNZ 459** (Chilwell J, 25 January 1991, High Court, Auckland M26/91) \ HC, Auckland \ 1991, Chilwell J [Case/Content]
... C M Meechan for applicant ...
10. **DES FORGES v WRIGHT (1994) 8 PRNZ 235** (Morris J, 5 December 1994, High Court, Auckland HC61/92) \ HC, Auckland \ 1994, Morris J [Case Content]
... C Meechan for second and third defendants ... maintain fairness and impartiality. I have already noted Ms Meechan could show me no unusual features as far as ...
11. **MARTELLI McKEGG WELLS & CORMACK v COMMBANK INTERNATIONAL NV 10 PRNZ 153** (Gault, McKay, Keith JJ, 7 November 1996, Court of Appeal (CA75/96)) \ CA (CA75/96) \ 1996, Gault, McKay, Keith JJ [Case/Content]
... R Harrison QC and C M Meechan for appellant ...
12. **NOTTINGHAM v REGISTERED SECURITIES LTD (IN LIQUIDATION) 12 PRNZ 625** (Thomas, Gallen, Fisher JJ, 7 October 1998, Court of Appeal (CA285/97)) \ CA (CA285/97) \ 1998, Thomas, Gallen, Fisher

JJ [Case/Content]

... C M Meechan and R Flume for respondent ... we drew her attention to possible jurisdictional difficulties Miss Meechan asked this Court to resolve the matter and consented ... distinct from the period leading up to judgment. Ms Meechan did not object to the Court's consideration of that ...

13. **REGISTERED SECURITIES LTD (IN LIQUIDATION) v C 13 PRNZ 699** (Williams J, 14 April 1999, High Court, Auckland (CP593/97)) \ HC, Auckland (CP593/97) \ 1999, Williams J [Case/Content] ... D White QC and C Meechan for plaintiff ...
14. **ARGON CONSTRUCTION LTD v SPRATT 17 PRNZ 133** (Keane J, 8 June 2004, High Court, Auckland (CIV 2003-404-5932)) \ HC, Auckland (CIV 2003-404-5932) \ 2004, Keane J [Case/Content] ... C M Meechan and S C Price for respondents ...

ERNZs

1. **McHARDY v MIROSTONE (NZ) LTD [[1996] ERNZ 668]** (Goddard CJ, 6 December 1996, Employment Court, Wellington (WEC81/96)) \ EC, Wellington (WEC81/96) \ 1996, Goddard CJ [Case/Content]
... C Nickalls counsel for plaintiff (Bruce Peter McHardy) C Meechan counsel for defendant (Mirostone (NZ) Ltd) ...
15. **ENTERPRISE STAFF CONSULTANTS NZ LTD v DURNO [[1998] 3 ERNZ 547]** (Travis J, 9 September 1998, Employment Court, Auckland (AC68/98)) \ EC, Auckland (AC68/98) \ 1998, Travis J [Case/Content]
... 1998] 3 ERNZ 547, 549] C Meechan and K Boreham counsel for plaintiff (Enterprise Staff Consultants
16. **O'SULLIVAN v FLETCHER ALUMINIUM LTD [[2000] 2 ERNZ 431]** (Colgan J, 21 November 2000, Employment Court, Auckland (AC9 \ EC, Auckland \ 2000, Colgan J [Case/Content]
... C Meechan and L Jenkins counsel for defendant (Fletcher Aluminium Ltd one ... competing with these aspects of FAL's business. Ms Meechan accepted in the course of submissions that not every ...
17. **FLETCHER ALUMINIUM LTD v O'SULLIVAN [1 ERNZ 46]** (Gault, Keith, Tipping JJ, 20 March 2001, Court of Appeal (CA279100)) CA (CA279/00) \ 2001, Gault, Keith, Tipping JJ [Case/Content]
... J G Miles QC and C M Meechan counsel for appellant (Fletcher Aluminium Ltd) D J Neutze

New Zealand Unreported Judgments

1. **CASH FOR SCRAP LTD v AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - BC200763308 High Court of New Zealand — Auckland Registry 20 December 2007 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... in the informations relating to 11 Bairds Road. [Mr Meechan, for the defendants, has referred to the particular language that ...
... order. Counsel: A D Banbrook for the plaintiffs C M Meechan and O Walton for the defendants
2. **CASH FOR SCRAP LIMITED And Anor v AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL And Anor - BC200762530 High Court of New Zealand — Auckland Registry 9 October 2007 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... judgment. Appearances: AD Banbrook for the plaintiffs C M Meechan and D Walton for the defendants
3. **DOWNER CONSTRUCTION (NZ) LTD v SILVERFIELD DEVELOPMENTS LTD - BC200761965 New Zealand Court of Appeal 16 August 2007 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... for the applicant T C Weston QC and C M Meechan for the respondent
4. **HARDGRAVE v CUSTOMKIT BUILDINGS LTD - BC200770506 ERA — Auckland 23 July 2007 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... 9,000, plus the filing fee of \$70. REPRESENTATIVES: Christine Meechan, counsel for Bruce Hardgrave Simon Dench, counsel for CustomKit Buildings ...
5. **BARRY DEAN SEXTON v RICE CRAIG – BC200761 196 New Zealand Court of Appeal 23 May 2007 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... refused. Counsel: S L Abdale for the applicant C M Meechan and S V Bonney for the first and second

respondents

6. **ING LIFE (NZ) LTD v PARKER - BC200760549 High Court of New Zealand — Auckland Registry 30 March 2007 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
7. **DOWNER CONSTRUCTION (NZ) LTD v SILVERFIELD DEVELOPMENTS LTD (formerly REDWOOD GROUP NO 8 LTD) (No 2)- BC200661216 High Court of New Zealand — Auckland Registry 11 July 2006 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... David Williams QC and Stuart Robertson for the plaintiff Christine Meechan for the defendant Solicitors: Kensington Swan (Auckland) for the plaintiff ...
8. **DOWNER CONSTRUCTION (NZ) LTD v SILVERFIELD DEVELOPMENTS LTD (formerly REDWOOD GROUP NO 8 LTD) – BC200660408 High Court of New Zealand — Auckland Registry 13 February 2006 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... QC and C J Booth for the plaintiff C M Meechan for the defendant Solicitors: Kensington Swan, Auckland Bell Gully, Auckland
9. **ING LIFE (NZ) LTD v PARKER - BC200561 873 High Court of New Zealand — Auckland Registry December 2005 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... to costs will be made following that inspection. Appearances: C Meechan for the plaintiff M Dennett for the defendant Solicitors: Bell ...
10. **SEXTON v RICE CRAIG - BC200560667 High Court of New Zealand — Auckland Registry 3 June 2005 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... solicitors for Asteron Life Ltd, Bell Gully, Auckland (Ms Christine Meechan). Order A. The Authority finds and declares that Alan Hunter
11. **SNAITH AND SMITS v STONE AND ASSOCIATES LTD - BC200471 085 Employment Relations Authority 23 December 2004 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... party: Sean Gollin Counsel for the second third party: Christine Meechan
12. **SMITS – BC200470993 Employment Relations Authority 9 December 2004 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... for the applicants: Chris Patterson Counsel for the respondent: Christine Meechan Counsel for the third party: Tony Drake i. unreported, AEA 176/ ...
13. **SHERWIN v FLETCHER CHALLENGE FORESTS LTD – BC200470716 Employment Relations Authority 14 September 2004 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... for the applicant: Simon Lance Counsel for the respondent: Christine Meechan
14. **BIERRE v DIAGNOSTIC MEDLAB SERVICES LTD - BC200370855 Employment Court 14 October 2003 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... by Mr Tuck of a discussion between him and Ms Meechan, a partner of the defendant's solicitors and other ...
15. **BIERRE v DIAGNOSTIC MEDLAB LTD – BC200370074 Employment Relations Authority 18 February 2003 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... for the applicant: Lewis Turner Counsel for the respondent: Christine Meechan
16. **BIERRE v DIAGNOSTIC MEDLAB SERVICES LTD – BC200370011 Employment Relations Authority 10 January 2003 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... R McIlraith and L Turner Counsel for the respondent: C Meechan and R Arthur
17. **FLETCHER ALUMINIUM LTD v O’SULLIVAN – BC200160321 New Zealand Court of Appeal 20 March 2001 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**
... Counsel for the appellant: J G Miles OC & C M Meechan Counsel for the respondent: D J Neutze Solicitors for the ...
18. **O’SULLIVAN v FLETCHER ALUMINIUM LTD – BC200070109 Employment Court 21 November 2000**

New Zealand Unreported Judgments

... Counsel: D Neutze & K Smith C Meechan & L Jenkins Judgment Number: AC 91/00 File Number: AEC

19. **WILLING & ORS v ROBERT STONE LTD – BC200070498 Employment Court 6 July 2000 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**

Counsel: A Hendra CM Meechan & t Taylor Judgment Number: AC 53 File Number: AEC

20. **MCKAY HILL & CO v EKSTEEN – BC200060675 New Zealand Court of Appeal 30 May 2000 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**

... fixed in that court. Counsel for the appellant: C M Meechan Counsel for the respondent: DAT Hollings Solicitors for ...

21. **HAMILTON v PAKURA DISTRICT COUNCIL & WATERCARE SERVICES LTD – BC9961468 New Zealand court of Appeal 29 September 1999 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**

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22. **PRESTON v NATIONAL MAIL NEW ZEALAND LTD – BC199970568 Employment Court 3 August 1999 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**

Counsel: C Meechan & J Co R McIlraith Judgment Number: AC 56/99 File ...

23. **EDWARDS AND EDWARDS T/A DICKSON EDWARDS & CO v STIRLING – BC199870276 Employment Court 15 October 1998 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**

Counsel: C Meechan C Maberly Judgment Number: AC 61A/98 File Number: AEC ...

24. **ENTERPRISE STAFF CONSULTANTS NZ LTD v DURNO – BC199870396 Employment Court 9 September 1998 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**

Counsel: C Meechan, K Boreham J Latimer, J Mills Judgment Number: AC 68/ ...

25. **CHAN v DUTY FREE SHOPPERS NEW ZEALAND LTD – BC199770370 Employment Court 22 September 1997 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**

Counsel: P Alba C Meechan, JA MacGillivray AEC105/97 A220/95 IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT

26. **MARTELLI MCKEGG WELLS & CORMACK v COMMBANK INTERNATIONAL NV – BC9661156 New Zealand Court of Appeal 7 November 1996 New Zealand Unreported Judgments**

... Counsel for the appellant: R Harrison QC and C M Meechan Counsel for the respondent: K W Berman and G P ...