

ALAN SORRELL

Education

University of Auckland: LL.B

Professional

1974 Admitted as a Barrister & Solicitor
1992 Separate Bar

Publications and Positions

Alan Sorrell is an Associate of the Arbitrators & Mediators Institute of New Zealand and has accepted a number of appointments as arbitrator and mediator.

He was a member of the New Zealand Film Commission for three years and Chair for six years. In July 2007 he was appointed Chair of the Arts Board of Creative New Zealand. He is the Director of the New Zealand Law Society Expert Witness Course and a regular member of their Advanced Litigation Skills Faculty. He has Chaired the board of two listed public companies and takes an active interest in corporate governance matters.

He has spoken at numerous conferences, including the International Bar Association Conference and the Audio Visual Law Conference at Cannes, France. In 2005 he attended Wolfson College at Cambridge University, England as a Visiting Fellow. He chairs the Appeals Committee of Auckland Tennis and New Zealand Tennis.

Areas of Specialisation

After many years as a litigation partner in Auckland firms, including the trans-tasman firm, Phillips Fox, Alan Sorrell joined the Independent Bar in 1992. He has specialised in commercial litigation and advice with an emphasis on intellectual property, particularly in respect of media and entertainment issues. He has also acted in a number of partnership and shareholder disputes, competition law and securities regulation issues, real property matters, arbitrations and mediations.

He has appeared in most courts and tribunals with particular emphasis on the High Court.

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