

## HAMISH HANCOCK: CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Citizenship:** New Zealand

### EDUCATION:

1961-1964: Wellington College. Scholarship class 6AL at Wellington College (top 15 students selected from the lower 6<sup>th</sup> form)

1965-1967: BA, Victoria University of Wellington (French major also English and Political Science to stage 2)

1965-1969: LLB, Victoria University of Wellington

1970: Admitted as barrister and solicitor.

1972: Completed LLM in tax, company and commercial law (2<sup>nd</sup> class honours, 1<sup>st</sup> division, 73.5% average, 80% in company law). Victoria University of Wellington

### EMPLOYMENT:

2013 - Barrister Sole, McFarlane Chambers, Wellington

1994 to 2013: Crown Counsel

1989 to 1993: Member of Parliament for Horowhenua

1974 to 1989: Partner in Wellington law firm Watts & Patterson which subsequently became the national law firm of Rudd Watts & Stone

1972 to 1974: Solicitor at Rainey Collins, then at Watts & Patterson

1971 to 1972:	Twelve months travelling in North America, Europe, Middle East and Asia
1970 to 1971:	Solicitor Bell Gully, Wellington
1968 to 1969:	Law clerk at Ministry of Works, then at Ministry of Defence

### **CAREER SPECIFICS:**

Between 1972 and 1989 (in private practice) appeared as leading counsel in a variety of cases involving insurance, environment, employment, construction, energy, commercial, Maori Land and tort law issues, also assigned counsel in criminal legal aid trials and appeals; a number of these cases are reported.

Position of partner for fifteen years in Wellington commercial law firm and subsequently national firm (1974 to 1989).

Member of Parliament particularly engaged on company law reform select committee; chairman of Privacy Bill and Racing Amendment Bill select committees; member of various caucus committees reporting on Japanese used motor vehicle imports and on carpet and textile industries re tariffs.

Between 1994 and 2013 at Crown Law leading counsel in a variety of cases including customs, agriculture, immigration, tax, public works and land valuation, psychiatric injury (military, psychiatric hospitals and social welfare placements) damages claims; mediations and arbitrations involving tort, contract, Limitation Act and administrative law issues.

Presented NZLS travelling seminar in 1987 on Local Authority Liability; acted for local authority insurers in defective building claims during the 1980s.

Participated Newtown Citizens Advice Bureau as a volunteer over several decades from 1970.

Member NZ Law Society Legislation Committee making submissions on draft legislation to parliamentary select committees, 1998-2002.

Consulting editor Laws of New Zealand, “Customs and Excise Reissue 1”; administrative law case note contributor to NZ Law Journal between 1998 and 2007.

From a Waikanae six acre sheep school boy operation in the 1960s went on between 1981 and 2008 to create a significant farming business (pastoral grazing, forestry and dairy) based in Horowhenua, Taupo and Firth of Thames (North Waikato).

## **PUBLIC SERVICE:**

These are mainly apparent from positions held/work history described above.

Other leadership roles have included accepting presidency of the Alliance Française de Wellington at a time it was in financial crisis. During my four years in that office obtaining funding for, purchasing, organising fit-out and establishing AF de W in its own (present rent-free) premises in the Dominion Building and consequently on a more long-term and financially stable basis.

As a parliamentary candidate and subsequently MP in Horowhenua I had to create strong teams for running election campaigns, membership recruitment and renewal and electorate fund raising. When I left Parliament my organisation was both financially strong and its chairman, whom I persuaded into the task, continued on in an equivalent role for a further decade.

As MP instrumental in or responsible for securing many benefits for my electorate including: new police station at Levin; installation of train signals at (accidents notorious) Kimberley rail crossing at SH1 south of Levin; Safer Communities project at Foxton; Parents as First Teachers early childhood pilot programme; and some relief in respect of tariff policy for local textile factories, timber supply (then under threat) for local sawmills; support of local tourism ventures.

For many years Honorary Solicitor to the NZ Riding for the Disabled Association. Former Board member of the NZ France Friendship Fund. At Victoria University President of the Debating Society and the French Club.