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LAWYERS LIST

The U.S. Consulate General in Auckland services a district that includes New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Samoa and some other small Pacific Islands. There are marked differences between the legal systems of New Zealand and the United States, for example, in New Zealand a law practice functions similarly to a medical practice: one must first consult a barrister/solicitor (a lawyer who practices with a firm) before seeking the advise of a specialist or barrister sole, who practices on his own. The New Zealand Law Society, to which all New Zealand lawyers belong, is similar to bar associations in the United States.

The most notable difference in civil law between the two countries in New Zealand's Accident Rehabilitation and Compensation Insurance Scheme (ACC). This New Zealand government body provides 24 hour, not fault cover to all citizens and visitors in case of injury caused by accident, criminal attack, medical malpractice, etc. One cannot sue for damages against another person for offences and accidents covered by ACC. Civil suits are filed mainly for miscellaneous property damage from a car accident, vandalism, etc. Their cases are known legally as torts. (Please note that ACC protection applies only in New Zealand, and does not cover Western Samoa and the Cook Islands in these countries, one must sue or use one's own insurance for coverage).

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This list provides a sample of respected legal professionals working in New Zealand. Some were recommended by the Department of Law at the University of Auckland, others have been recommended by Americans who used their services. The Law Society could provide further recommendations.

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5? years working in the commercial property and family law departments at Simpson Grierson. Made an Associate of Simpson Grierson in 1993.

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A partner of the firm Norris Ward with 16 years litigation experience. A member of a Court appointed panel of Counsel who represent children in Custody, access, care and protection cases. Has experience acting as Counsel for the Central Authority and as Counsel for parties in Hague Convention cases. A member of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty District Law Society Disciplinary Tribunal.

Specialties: Family Law, Including Custody, Access and Matrimonial Property, Civil Litigation, Employment Law

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