



I studied Law and History at the University of Otago, graduating first in my History Honours programme, then served as a Judge's Clerk in the High Court of New Zealand. I currently practise as a junior barrister at Thorndon Chambers, Wellington, where I provide legal advice and advocacy across a broad range of civil and commercial law. I have done pro bono work for, amongst others, Orchestra Wellington, Waitangi Tribunal claimants, incarcerated public interest litigants, and survivors of the Canterbury Earthquakes. I am particularly interested in Jurisprudence – the legal theory that overarches and undergirds entire systems, and permeates individual laws and rules. I have a natural affinity for this subject, having topped my university courses in Jurisprudence, Advanced Legislation and Advanced Legal History. I have contributed chapters to leading texts on feminist legal theory and eugenics, and review books for New Zealand's foremost literary journal, *Landfall*. I speak English, fluent French and have basic proficiency in Mandarin.

EMPLOYMENT

Thorndon Chambers

Junior Barrister

February 2017 – present

I assist senior counsel with legal research, drafting legal opinions, court documents and submissions, briefing witnesses, and meeting with clients. I have appeared in the Waitangi Tribunal, Human Rights Review Tribunal, High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. Recent notable cases include:

- *Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc v Rangitira Developments Ltd* [2015] NZCA 445 [representing RDL]
- *Rewiti v The Māori Women's Welfare League Inc* [2018] NZHC 2713 [representing the League]
- *Dotcom v Crown Law Office* [2018] NZHRRT 36 [leading counsel, representing Crown Law]
- *McGougan v DePuy International Ltd* [2018] NZCA 91, [2018] 2 NZLR 916 [representing the Accident Compensation Corporation, as intervener]
- *Hartono v Ministry for Primary Industries* [2018] NZSC 17, [2018] 1 NZLR 857 [representing Sajo-Oyang]
- *Dotcom v Crown Law Office* [2018] NZHRRT 7 [representing Crown Law]
- *Ngāti Hurangaterangi v Ngāti Wahiao* [2017] NZCA 429, [2017] 3 NZLR 770 [representing Ngāti Hurangaterangi]
- *Lakes International Golf Club Ltd v Vincent* [2017] NZSC 99, [2017] 1 NZLR 935 [representing Lakes International]
- *Chief Executive of the Ministry of Social Development v S* [2017] NZHC 414 [as amicus curiae]

Victoria University of Wellington, Faculty of Law

Teaching Fellow

March 2018 – September 2018

I prepared and ran weekly seminars and marked assignments for Legal Research, Writing and Mooting.

High Court of New Zealand

Judge's Clerk

February 2015 – December 2016

I provided research, editing and proofing assistance in the writing of civil and criminal judgments in the first instance and on appeal from inferior courts and tribunals.

University of Canterbury, Faculty of Law

Academic Tutor

February 2016 – October 2016

I ran tutorials and marked assignments for LAWS101 and marked Law and Ethics assignments.

Lifeline Aotearoa

24/7 Helpline counsellor

October 2015 – October 2016

I provided suicide prevention and intervention counselling for Lifeline callers on the 24/7 helpline.

Selwyn College, University of Otago

Senior Resident: Assistant Senior Tutor

February 2014 – December 2014

I mentored students within the College, provided academic and pastoral support, and organised tutorials and Peer Learning Groups. I also monitored College-wide academic success.

Kensington Swan*Summer Law Clerk*

November 2013 – January 2014

I completed legal research and wrote opinions and submissions for the Litigation Team.

University of Otago, Faculty of Law*Head Tutor, LAWS101*

February 2013 – December 2014

I prepared and ran weekly tutorials, marked assignments and tests. Working closely with the course coordinator and Dean, I supported all LAWS101 tutors, assisted students during office hours, and monitored the course.

The Joyful Vegan*Chef*

March 2012 – December 2014

Jiangxi Fenglin College of Foreign Trade and Economy*English Teacher*

November 2011 – January 2012

I prepared and taught classes in Business and Conversational English in Jiangxi province, China.

EDUCATION**University of Otago, Bachelor of Arts with Honours (First Class)**

Graduated 16 May 2015

Dissertation – *Sailing to a ‘Geneva of the Antipodes’?: Religion and Scottish Presbyterian Emigration to Otago, 1847–1887***University of Otago, Bachelor of Laws with Honours (First Class)**

Graduated 17 May 2014

Dissertation – *Do New Zealand Courts Regard Tikanga Māori as a Source of Law Independent of Statutory Incorporation? Or is Anglo-inspired Common Law Still “the sole arbiter” of Justice in New Zealand?***HONOURS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand (15 July 2016)
- University of Otago Graduates' Association Aotearoa New Zealand Prize (2014)
- William Downie Stewart Prize (2014) – for the best History dissertation at 400-level
- James Clark Prize in History (2014)
- ANZLHS New Zealand Law Foundation Scholarship (2013)
- Angus Ross Prestige Scholarship in History (2013) – for outstanding academic achievement
- Otago University Press History Prize (2012) – for the best student in HIST353: Practising History
- Angus Ross Prize in History (2012) – for the best student in 300-level History
- Otago Scholarship in Law (2011) – for excellent academic achievement
- Paul Wallis Memorial Prize for Jurisprudence (2011)
- Otago Settlers' Association Internship (2011) – for the best History major student at 200-level
- John Omer-Cooper Prize in History (2011) – for the best student in 200-level History
- Dux Scholarship (2008)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Waipapakura v Hempton” in Elisabeth McDonald et al (eds) *Feminist Judgments of Aotearoa New Zealand: Te Rino – A Two-stranded Rope* (Hart Publishing, 2017)
- “Sir Robert Stout as Freethinker and Eugenics Enthusiast” in Diane B Paul et al (eds) *Eugenics at the Edges of Empire* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2018)
- “Resonant and Relevant” *Landfall* 236 (November 2018)

INTERESTS

Reading widely and voraciously, writing verse and prose, running, film, amateur theatre and travelling – most recently through China, India and Italy.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Delegate in the inaugural New Zealand Young Lawyers' China Delegation (August 2018)
- New Zealand Law Society Women in Law Committee, member (2017)
- Wellington Young Lawyers' Mooting Competition, semi-finalist (2017)

Written references and/or referee contact details are available on request.