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Overview

Hayden leads the Wellington litigation team, specialising in public, regulatory and commercial litigation. He is the Chairman of Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan) and plays a key role in the firm's relationships with government agencies. Hayden is a member of the Global Board of Dentons.

Hayden is a dispute resolution expert, and is internationally recognised as a leading advocate and as a highly skilled mediator. He has extensive experience helping organisations resolve complex commercial and public law issues.

Hayden works across the range of public law disciplines including core administrative public law issues, advice on legislative obligations, and judicial review in the public sector. He helps both public and private sector clients to manage a wide range of public law issues, including managing and reviewing risk, advising on privacy and information law, human rights obligations and regulatory issues.

Hayden and his team provide crisis management support and advice in relation to government or regulatory investigations, inquiries or prosecutions.

Hayden trained as a mediator through the Resolution Institute in New Zealand, at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University in California and at Harvard University.

Experience

- **Rachel MacGregor:** Acting for Rachel MacGregor in defamation proceedings brought against her by former politician, Colin Craig.
- **The Medical Council of New Zealand:** Advising in prosecutions under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.
- **Regulatory Bodies:** Acting for Regulatory Bodies in the health sector in relation to judicial review of their decisions.
- **New Zealand Historic Places Trust:** Appearing for the New Zealand Historic Places Trust in the High Court. The Waikanae Christian Holiday Park sought a judicial review against the NZHPT's approval of wahi tapu

status for a piece of land, arguing the decision would cut the camp's property value by 20 per cent. The claim was struck out.

- **New Zealand Transport Agency:** Advising on a claim in the High Court by Dilworth Trust Board regarding the offer back land provisions under the Public Works Act.
- **Government departments and Crown entities:** Advising on Public Finance Act issues, particularly in relation to development and/or leasing projects.
- **New Zealand Transport Agency:** Advising on a large commercial and public law dispute with one of the its largest suppliers.
- **Multinational technology company:** Successfully acting for it in arbitration proceedings relating to damage caused in the Kaikoura earthquake.
- **A Government department:** Successfully defending proceedings brought against a Government department arising from their leasing commitments.

Recognition

- *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2021: Ranked Lawyer (Dispute Resolution)
- *The Legal 500* 2021: Awarded Recommended Lawyer (Dispute Resolution and TMT)
- *The Legal 500* 2020 and 2021: Leading Lawyer.
- *Resolution Institute, New Zealand Law Awards:* Mediator of the Year Finalist in 2016 - 2019.

Insights

- Co-author, "The Budget – who gets what and what's what?" Kensington Swan Newsflash, 31 May, 2019
- Co-author, "New Official Information Act Guidelines," Kensington Swan Newsflash, 12 April, 2019
- Co-author, "You call that a fine? This is a fine! Changes to Australian Privacy law may influence New Zealand Privacy Bill," Kensington Swan Newsflash, 3 April, 2019
- Co-author, "Justice Select Committee – Final Report on the Privacy Bill," Kensington Swan Newsletter, 13 March, 2019
- Editor, Civil Litigation Practice and Procedure, the New Zealand chapter of "Getting the Deal Through – Anti-Corruption Regulation," 2017

Activities and Affiliations

- Former vice-chair of the Resolution Institute, the leading membership organisation for dispute resolution in Australasia.
- Hayden was a member of the Council of the Wellington District Law Society until 2008 and was a Convenor of a Lawyers Standard Committee for nine years.
- Accredited as a mediator by the Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand and by the Resolution Institute.
- Member of the Medico-Legal Society.
- Mediation Panel, AMINZ

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- Mediation Panel, Franchise Association of NZ
- Member of the New Zealand Dispute Resolution Centre

Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan), 2000 - Present

Areas of focus

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Public Policy and Regulation

Industry sectors

- Government
- Life Sciences and Health Care

Education

- Harvard Law School, 2017, Advanced Mediation
- Pepperdine University, 2013, Mediating the Litigated Case
- Victoria University of Wellington, 2008, LL.M.
- Victoria University of Wellington, 2000, LLB
- Victoria University of Wellington, 2000, B.A., Politics

Admissions and qualifications

- New Zealand, 2000