

Linda Clark

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Overview

Linda Clark is a partner in Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan)'s public law and dispute resolution team based in Wellington.

Linda manages a diverse range of complex legal, political and regulatory relationships and disputes. She is a specialist in judicial review, public law disputes and processes, investigations and defamation. She is also experienced in mediations and coronial inquiries. In addition, Linda is frequently engaged by commercial boards and CEOs to provide strategic insight and analysis.

Before becoming a lawyer Linda was an award winning political journalist and broadcaster. She has covered and commented on elections since the 1990s and has a unique combination of government relations and legal skills.

Linda and her team also provide tailored crisis management support and advice to government and regulatory investigations, inquiries or prosecutions.

Linda is a member of the board of New Zealand on Air, the Wellington College Board of Trustees and the New Zealand Police Risk Assurance Committee.

Experience

- **Rachel MacGregor:** Advised in a claim to the Human Rights Tribunal following a breach of confidentiality by her formal employer, Colin Craig MP, relating to a previous sexual harassment case. The process tested the efficacy and integrity of the confidential Human Rights Commission dispute resolution process.
- **Serco Asia Pacific:** Advised on all proceedings following the allegation of organised fights at Mt. Eden Corrections Facility. The extremely high profile case held global reputational risk for Serco and wider implications for private sector businesses delivering public services in New Zealand.
- **Whanganui District Council:** Advised on potential judicial review proceedings that threatened a proposed wastewater project. Linda advised council staff and councillors to ensure all decision making was inoculated from risk of review and to ensure that proper consultation processes were followed.

- **John Campbell:** Advised on managing all aspects of his high profile exit from MediaWorks (TV3).

Recognition

- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019:* Awarded Recommended Lawyer

Insights

- Co-author, "RMA reform - the race is on!," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, July 26, 2019
- Co-author, "The Budget – Who Gets What and What's What? ," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, May 31, 2019
- Co-author, "New Official Information Act guidelines," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, April 12, 2019
- Co-author, "Government seeking feedback on proposed supplier code of conduct," *Kensington Swan Newsflash*, February 5, 2019

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Board Member and Trustee, Wellington College
- Board Member and Trustee, New Zealand Book Council
- Member, New Zealand Police Independent Risk Assurance Committee

Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Kensington Swan (formerly Kensington Swan), 2014–present
- Chapman Tripp, 2008–2014
- Nine to Noon at Radio New Zealand National, 2002–2006
- Political Editor, Studio Interviewer at Television New Zealand, 1999–2002

Areas of focus

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Public Policy and Regulation

Industry sectors

- Government

Education

- University of Canterbury, BA, Political Studies
- Victoria University of Wellington, LLB

Admissions and qualifications

- Barrister and Solicitor, High Court of New Zealand, 2011