

Litigation and Dispute Resolution - New Zealand

Duncan Cotterill is a full service commercial law firm with offices throughout New Zealand and in Sydney, Australia. With over 200 staff, including 32 partners and over 80 solicitors, we are currently rated one of the fastest growing law firms in Australasia.

The firm has an excellent reputation for client service. We were judged 'Large Law Firm of the Year' at the prestigious 2008 New Zealand Law Awards. We also won the Specialist Award for Intellectual Property and were first Runner Up in a number of other specialist categories including Litigation and Dispute Resolution. We are finalists in all of these categories again this year.

Whatever your litigation and dispute resolution needs, Duncan Cotterill is uniquely placed to assist. We offer an extensive range of litigation and dispute resolution services across the corporate, commercial, public sector and private client areas of law.

Our internationally experienced litigation experts deal with matters ranging from private client disputes through to complex cases for large New Zealand and international companies. Our experts' experience ranges across tribunals and courts in New Zealand, Australia and the UK. We offer expert legal skills and practical, cost-efficient, strategic legal advice.

We also place great emphasis on alternative dispute resolution and have experience in all forms including private negotiations, mediations and arbitrations.

KEY BENEFITS FOR CLIENTS

- Experience across the public sector and most industries in the private sector
- Extensive local market, regulatory and statutory knowledge
- Knowledge and experience of other jurisdictions, in particular Australia and the UK
- Experience with cross border issues and international clients

EXPERIENCE - INTERNATIONAL

- Acted in international taxation cases involving fraud, evasion and avoidance of more than NZ\$100 million and the tracing of assets and funds through Lichtenstein, Australia, the Cayman and British Virgin Islands and the UK.

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- Defended a series of claims with a combined value of circa £20m brought against a leading international firm of surveyors by several international banks, involving 45 allegedly fraudulent and/or negligent loan security valuations of commercial properties situated throughout the UK.
- Secured off-shore assets for an international credit institution with a combined value of £5m in various European jurisdictions, including the UK, France and Germany.
- Acted for a Singapore-based investment company in a contractual dispute involving ownership of a NZ\$15m property.
- Acted for an international firm of architects in a NZ\$5m claim relating to the alleged negligent design of an aircraft hangar at Brisbane Airport in Queensland, Australia.
- Defended a £2.3m claim against a UK top ten firm of accountants and business advisers, involving allegations of fraud and professional negligence on the part of the defendant firm in acting as the receiver of a company.
- Acted for a US firm of architects against a major New Zealand construction company on a construction dispute in respect of a high profile stadium construction project in Auckland.
- Acted for the New York office of a multi-national client in settling a contractual dispute with a party situated in the United Arab Emirates.
- Acted for a large property development company in four related proceedings in New South Wales (Australia) regarding multiple purported rescissions by purchasers of "off the plans" contracts.
- Advised a large investment fund on a hotel investment in New South Wales; advice covered securities, receiver appointment, administrator liaison, and dealing with contractors.
- Acted for an Australian company in obtaining enforceable judgments against former employee debtors resident in New Zealand.

EXPERIENCE - NEW ZEALAND

- Successfully defended on appeal a real estate agency in a test case brought by the Commerce Commission (New Zealand's competition regulatory agency).
- Acted for numerous professionals including architects, engineers, surveyors, valuers, accountants, lawyers, actuaries etc, at the instruction of their professional indemnity insurers in the defence of claims.
- Successfully defended a New Zealand based international clothes retailer against a competitor seeking injunctive relief in the High Court for an alleged interference with the contractual relationship between the competitor and its advertising publisher.
- Acted for the Registrar of Companies (New Zealand's company registration agency) on liquidations of numerous companies.
- Provided strategic advice to a government department on pending litigation.
- Advised a State Owned Entity on the operation of its enabling legislation and represented the entity in the enforcement of legislation.
- Acted for a finance company in relation to a Commerce Commission investigation regarding alleged breaches of finance and securities legislation.



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