



Christopher Griggs

BARRISTER

QUALIFICATIONS

LLB Victoria University of Wellington
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“Commander Griggs... argued this appeal very ably for the Director and... was of considerable assistance to us in coming to grips with the special jurisdiction of this Court”

— Clifford J in *R v Murffit*

EXPERTISE

- Civil Litigation
- Public and Administrative Law
- Employment Law
- Military Law
- International Law
- Maritime Law
- Aviation Law
- Criminal Law

Christopher Griggs - main areas of expertise

Christopher Griggs has a very broad range of expertise encompassing fields including criminal law (domestic and international), aviation, maritime, military and international law. However, his primary area of focus is civil and commercial litigation. He has been instructed by lawyers throughout New Zealand, as well as in Australia, the United States, Europe and East Asia, to advise and act for clients on a range of matters touching on issues as diverse as public and employment law, defamation, product liability, economic torts, breach of trust, breach of contract and so on.

Christopher speaks French and German to a professional level, as well as some Italian and Spanish. He is on the legal panels of the Embassies of Germany and Italy and has been

instructed on a number of occasions in matters where client contact in a foreign language was required. He is a past President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand and a current board member of the German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce.

On the international plane, Christopher is an Honorary Senior Fellow of the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security and a director of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War. From 2016 to 2017, he acted pro bono as a peer reviewer of the commentary to the Second Geneva Convention published by the International Committee of the Red Cross. From 2014 to 2015, he held appointment as a State Prosecutor pro tem in the Republic of Vanuatu for the purpose of prosecuting a senior government official. At home, Christopher is a member of the Wellington Branch Council of the New Zealand Law Society and also teaches aviation law by distance learning at the School of Aviation, Massey University. In keeping with the breadth of his interests, Christopher has published articles and presented at conferences on a broad range of topics both in New Zealand and overseas.

“... you’ve been such a supportive and frank advisor, we have really appreciated everything you have done for us. And of course we will refer you to anyone unfortunate enough to find themselves in a situation where your excellent legal advice can be of service.”

— Janet Mazenier