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I have over 30 years' experience as a lawyer in private practice and public service and specialise in education law. My experience includes working with NZ early childhood providers, schools, teachers, parents, boards of trustees, tertiary institutions, the Ministry of Education, appeal bodies, ERO and Unions. I have particular expertise assisting with disability and special learning needs.

I am an experienced conflict resolution lawyer and mediator; skills I use to assist clients to resolve disputes and restore relationships. If a legal problem is unable to be resolved I will initiate appropriate legal proceedings.

An experienced investigator, I possess legal, procedural and practical knowledge to carry out fair and balanced workplace investigations. My ability to connect with people allows me to create safe spaces where courageous conversations are welcomed, and innovative thinking is encouraged.

YOU CAN CONTACT ME FOR ADVICE ON:

- Independent investigations
- Teacher performance
- Staff relationships
- Complaints by parents
- Disability and special learning needs support
- Human Rights, diversity and mental health
- Employment related matters

- Suspensions/stand-downs and expulsion
- Bullying, harassment and sexual harassment
- Student appeals (tertiary)
- Matters involving the Ministry of Education
- Boards of Trustees/Governance/Management
- Dispute resolution, negotiations and mediations
- Policy development
- Ombudsman Act complaints, Official Information and Privacy Act requests for information

QUALIFICATIONS

LLB (Hons), Associate Member of the Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Senior Investigator, Office of the Ombudsman (Parliamentary)
- Director and co-owner of Project Law Limited, a provider of skills based legal education
- Institute of Professional Legal Studies
 - Litigation Instructor
 - Communications Manager
 - National Disabilities Coordinator
- Associate in litigation team, private practice
- Judges Clerk to Christchurch High Court Judges.