

JULIAN MILES QC

Curriculum Vitae



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Julian was a litigation partner with the firm Bell Gully from 1969 to 1990, when he went to the independent Bar. The following year he took Silk.

He is widely sought after by clients to lead complex and important commercial litigation, and has in-depth experience of defamation, media law, intellectual property and information technology disputes.

Julian is one of only four practitioners ranked in Band 1 of the Dispute Resolution Bar in New Zealand by Chambers Global.

That same publication recognises that he has long been regarded as “*one of New Zealand's leading media lawyers*”.

Another leading publication has described him this way:

“Consummate senior advocate Julian Miles QC is silky in the delivery of an argument and always well prepared.”

He was President of the New Zealand Bar Association (1994-1995) and President of the Medico-Legal Society (1987-1988).

Recent experience

- *Minister of Education v James Hardie New Zealand Ltd & Ors* (2013-2014)

Complex claim in which the plaintiffs allege that exterior cladding products used in some 5,590 school buildings are inherently flawed. The claim alleges numerous causes of actions, including negligence, negligent misstatement and misleading and deceptive conduct. Julian acted for CSR Building Products (NZ) Ltd, one of the defendants against which the action was brought.

- *Hotchin & Anor v Sheppard* (2013-2014)

Acting for the plaintiffs in proceedings brought by them for allegedly defamatory statements made about them, which concerned their involvement in the collapse of the finance company, Hanover Finance Ltd.

- *Tasman Insulation New Zealand Ltd v Knauf Insulation Ltd* (2013-2014)

Three week High Court trial involving allegations of trade mark infringement and misleading and deceptive conduct. The defendant alleged by way of defence that the trade mark in issue, BATTS®, was liable to be revoked on the basis that it is a generic term for insulation in New Zealand.

- *Karum v Fisher & Paykel* (2012-2014)

Six week High Court trial involved three day hearing in the Court of Appeal involving allegations of copyright infringement, breach of confidence and difficult questions relating to the design of financial software packages.

- *Cure Kids v National Sids* (2015)

High Court appeal from IPONZ involving the use of RED NOSE DAY mark and the Court's discretion when non-use has been established.

- *Lacoste v Crocodile International* (2015)

High Court appeal from IPONZ being part of a long running dispute relating to use of the CROCODILE mark and device.