

Introducing

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Date of Birth: 2 July 1966
Relationship Status: Married with two children
Nationality: New Zealander

CURRICULUM VITAE

SUMMARY

An enthusiastic barrister, law lecturer and author with wide ranging experience in both criminal law and teaching, I have an enhanced natural ability to communicate easily with people at all levels. This, combined with a capacity for hard work and a sense of humour, has provided a record of lasting business relationships and of personal achievement.

Managed junior solicitors and graduates.

Prepared serious and complex criminal and civil cases for trial.

Drafted and Delivered opening and closing addresses, witness briefs and statements.

Examined witnesses in judge sitting alone and jury trials.

Responsible for service marketing, client contact, fee negotiation, budgeting and billing.

Taught students at university and at Law Society courses.

Published in NZ and overseas

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May 2004 – present

Barrister
Bridgeside Chambers (Christchurch, NZ)

A specialist in criminal defence litigation, appearing as counsel in the District and High Courts in criminal and regulatory (IRD, MPI, DIA) trials, bail, name suppression, pre-trial hearings and sentencing. Defence counsel for New Zealand police association.

Appearing as counsel in over 130 criminal jury trials and more than 20 occasions in the Court of Appeal on matters involving murder, drugs, animal welfare and fraud. Also recently acted on behalf of the H&S Manager at Pike River during the Royal Commission Hearings.

July 2003 – present

Part-Time Law Lecturer
University of Canterbury (Christchurch, NZ)

Teaching third and fourth year law students the practical and theoretical aspects of Advocacy. Students learn the golden rules of advocacy, the psychology of advocacy and techniques for examining witnesses as well as how to draft and deliver opening and closing addresses.

June 2012 – present

Visiting Law Lecturer
University of South Pacific (Port Vila, Vanuatu)

Teaching Advocacy and Prosecutorial practice, a four week intensive course, to USP law students (these students are from 12 different Pacific jurisdictions). This course covers the practical and theoretical aspects of advocacy including the ethics of advocacy.

**November 1999 –
 May 2004**

Associate and Crown Prosecutor
Raymond, Donnelly & Co (Christchurch, NZ)

Appearing as senior Crown counsel in the Court of Appeal, High and District Courts on all facets of the criminal trial. This included advising the Police at an early stage on major enquiries, pre-trial arguments, bail hearings, meeting and briefing witnesses and appearing as Crown counsel in jury trials and at sentencing.

**December 1996 –
 November 1999
 & July 1992 -
 May 1994**

Prosecutor
New Zealand Serious Fraud Office (Auckland, NZ)

Advising and supervising accountants and investigators in a multi-disciplinary team environment. Preparing cases for trial, liaising with opposing defence counsel, briefing and assisting the prosecution's senior barrister at trial.

QUALIFICATIONS

University of Auckland, NZ
 (1997–1999)

Master of Laws

NZ Law Society
 (1990)

Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand

University of Canterbury, NZ
 (1990)

Law Professional course

University of Canterbury, NZ
 (1986-1989)

Bachelor of Law Degree

FURTHER INFORMATION

Books & Articles Published	<p>Anthony Willy and James Rapley <i>Advocacy</i> (Thomson Reuters, Wellington, 2013)</p> <p>James Rapley "That which we call dishonest ..." [2004] NZLJ 5</p> <p>James Rapley "Fraud and Fraudulently" [2001] NZLJ 44</p> <p>James Rapley "New Zealand: A View Of Money Laundering" (2000) 3 JMLC 3, 280.</p> <p>James Rapley "Money Laundering in New Zealand: R v Liava'a" (2000) 3 JMLC 4, 365.</p>
Law Society & Boards	<p>A member of the Legal Services Advisory Board which provides high level strategic advice to the Secretary for Justice when considering the provision of legal aid and community legal services.</p> <p>A member of the New Zealand Law Society (NZLS) Criminal Law Committee and the Litigation Committee for the Canterbury branch of the NZLS.</p> <p>Faculty member of the NZLS's <i>Litigation Skills</i> course and <i>Introduction to Criminal Law Practice</i> course.</p> <p>A former vice-president and president of the Canterbury Criminal Bar Association who established the young practitioner mentoring committee in Christchurch.</p>
Interests	<p>Keen skier, active rugby spectator and enthusiastic historian. I have also been learning French for the past five years.</p>
References and Reported Cases	<p>Reported cases and references are available on request.</p>