

## **Hon. Sir Ian Barker, QC, Chartered Arbitrator**

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### **Qualifications**

Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Laws  
Doctor of Laws (honoris causa)  
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' (UK)  
Chartered Arbitrator (UK)  
Fellow, Arbitrators' & Mediators' Institute of  
New Zealand

### **Appointments**

President, Arbitrators' & Mediators' Institute of New Zealand, 2000-2002  
Judge of High Court of New Zealand, 1976-1997  
Judge in Charge of Commercial List, High Court of New Zealand, 1987-1997  
Acting Chief Justice of New Zealand  
and temporary member of New Zealand Court of Appeal, 1991-1997  
Permanent Member of Courts of Appeal of Fiji, Cook Islands, Pitcairn Island  
Occasional member of Courts of Appeal of Samoa and Vanuatu  
Chancellor, University of Auckland, 1991-1999  
Visiting Fellow/Judge in residence at various in Canadian and Australian universities  
Arbitrator and Mediator, 1997 onwards  
Member of arbitration panels in Pacific Rim arbitration centres  
Knighted by Her Majesty the Queen in 1994  
Domain Name Dispute Panelist for WIPO, NAF, HKIAC and Internet NZ  
President, Auckland Medico-Legal Society, 1984  
Door Tenant, Essex Court Chambers, London, UK

### **Arbitration Experience**

Sir Ian has received 6 appointments from the ICC Court of Arbitration, Paris. 4 of these have been as independent Chair of a 3-person tribunal, one as sole arbitrator and one as party-appointed arbitrator. He has recently been appointed by the President of the ICC Court (as appointing authority) to be Chair of an arbitral panel in an ad hoc arising under a Bilateral Investment Treaty. He has been appointed as sole arbitrator in some 70 arbitrations in New Zealand. His awards have involved building and construction, financial transactions, agency, intellectual property, telecommunications, gas pricing, airport landing charges and general commercial topics.

### **Career**

Sir Ian was appointed a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand in 1976 at a young age. He presided over many major commercial cases over his 21 years on the Bench. These included a major company liquidation (Securitibank), pharmaceutical patents (amoxycillin), competition law (Kapuni Gas, Fisher & Paykel), to name a few.

He was responsible for the Report of a Committee which successfully recommended a Commercial List in the High Court. He served as foundation Judge in Charge of that List for 11 years. Since his retirement from the Bench in 1997, he has been involved in arbitrations (as noted above) as well as conducting commercial mediations and various official inquiries. He has served on various Pacific Courts, including the Fiji Court of Appeal when it had to decide on the constitutionality of the government post the 2000 coup in Fiji. He was Chancellor of the University of Auckland for 8 years. He has published articles of legal interest and delivered papers of legal interest at law and other conferences.

### **Areas of Expertise**

Financial, commercial, intellectual property, general contract, rental, competition.