

## EDITORS' NOTE

2011 has been a year of consolidation, improvement and innovation for the Auckland University Law Review.

This year's journal contains ten articles and eight commentaries covering diverse subjects. The Review's strength in legal history is continued by examinations of the rise and fall of legal French, and of sexual slander of women in the 19th century. At the other extreme, Sarah Murphy's analysis of the intersection of neuroscience and the criminal law (the winner of this year's Minter Ellison Rudd Watts Prize for Legal Writing) is the latest in a long line of AULR articles engaging with emerging technologies in the law. Commercial topics are also well represented, with articles examining tax treaties with tax havens and the new statutory duty of care of financial advisers. In the public arena, there are articles on New Zealand's incarceration rates over the last decade and the emerging jurisprudence of the Crown-Māori relationship, together with an analysis of the values and decision-making processes of House of Lords judges across five terrorism cases. Finally two areas of international law — the doctrine of hot pursuit on the high seas and personal immunity in international criminal law — are examined. This year's articles are, we believe, indicative of the breadth and quality of legal education at the University of Auckland.

The commentaries present analysis of topical developments in case law and legislation, some of which occurred only a short time before going to press, as well as reviews of two recent texts by members of the University of Auckland Faculty of Law. Our commentaries editor, Rachel McMaster, deserves special thanks for coordinating this section.

The AULR provided more intensive training for its editors this year. For the first time outside training was provided for our senior editors by Chapman Tripp partners Adam Ross and Matt Sumpter, both AULR alumni and valuable friends of the Review. The Review would not exist without the many hours that the editors give to it. All of them have worked exceptionally hard on this year's volume. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication, professionalism and skill.

Building on last year's inaugural Contributors' Symposium, the AULR hosted a second successful Symposium in 2011. Chaired by the Hon Justice Robert Chambers, the Symposium involved papers centred loosely on the theme of access to justice presented by Judge Andrew Becroft, Professor Margaret Wilson and John Katz QC, followed by a panel discussion. Taking up a challenge laid down by Simon Mount at last year's annual alumni dinner, it is intended to expand for the first time the pool of contributors to the Review to beyond students and publish the Symposium papers in a section of the 2012 Review. We hope that the Contributors' Symposium will become a firmly established feature of the AULR calendar. Following the Symposium, a third annual alumni dinner

took place at the Northern Club, with Hon John Tamihere (winner of the 1985 AULR Writing Prize) as the guest speaker. We thank all the alumni who participated in or attended these events for their continuing support of the AULR.

In the spirit of promoting student scholarship, the AULR also presented an inaugural Honours Symposium, showcasing some of the best presentations from the 2010 honours seminars. This event not only gave prospective honours students a useful preview of the various seminars, but also celebrates the AULR's connection with the Honours programme: the journal was established in 1967 to promote honours students' work.

A second innovation is the forming of a new partnership with legal publishers Thomson Reuters. The Review will now be included in Thomson Reuters' library of online journals, making it more accessible to New Zealand students, practitioners and academics.

Finally, thanks are due to a number of people that have provided invaluable assistance: our faculty advisers, Michael Littlewood and John Ip, for their wisdom and advice; our business staff, Bradley Aburn and Mailing Young, for careful stewardship of the journal's financial future; 2010's Editors-in-Chief, Max Harris and Patricia Jeong, for support and encouragement; and our sponsors, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Chapman Tripp, Buddle Findlay and Bell Gully. A final and special thank-you is due to the Dean of Law, Dr Andrew Stockley: from its inception, the AULR has enjoyed the support of the Faculty, and we are grateful to Dr Stockley for his commitment to the future of this symbiotic relationship.

It has been an honour to serve as Editors-in-Chief of the AULR, and we hope you enjoy reading the Review as much as we have enjoyed assisting in its creation. We wish the incoming editors every success.

Elizabeth Chan and Benedict Tompkins

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