

EDITORS' NOTE

This year's Auckland University Law Review breaks with 45 years of tradition. In the past, the Review has confined itself to publishing work written by students and recent graduates of The University of Auckland. This is not the case in 2012. It is hoped that our readers and subscribers will appreciate this expansion of "jurisdiction". Traditionalists should be reassured that the bulk of this journal remains student-written, and the entirety student-edited. It is envisaged that submissions for publication in future years will still be limited to student work, with non-student work arising solely out of events held at the Law School.

The journal begins with a special feature: an edited transcript of an interview with the Hon Michael Kirby by the Rt Hon Sir Edmund Thomas on "judicial activism". This unique event took place at the Law School on 30 March 2012 and was extremely popular with staff and students. We hope that this publication, which follows a format used in other Law Reviews, suitably records this enjoyable and thought-provoking occasion. We would like to thank the Hon Michael Kirby and the Rt Hon Sir Edmund Thomas for working with us throughout the editing process. We also appreciate the help given by Dr Andrew Stockley, Dean of Law, and the following editors who took on extra work: Sarah Price, Liam Ogle, Joanne Lee and Nupur Upadhyay.

The next section of this volume also represents a first for the Review. The three papers presented at the Alumni Symposium 2011 have been produced here, as was foreshadowed in last year's Editors' Note. They loosely follow the theme of "access to justice", with each paper examining its respective subject matter through this lens.

The rest of the journal follows convention: there are eight student articles, followed by six commentaries. The breadth of content has remained. Challenging areas of private law are addressed by Rina See (winner of the 2012 Minter Ellison Rudd Watts Prize for Legal Writing) and Ania Lang: renvoi and the undisclosed principal doctrine, respectively. Bradley Aburn confronts the issue of margin squeezing in competition law and critiques the current New Zealand approach. Public law topics are also well represented, with examinations of the "third source" by Jeff Simpson and judicial restraint in health care rationing decisions by Rachael Baillie. Wilson Chau and Kiri Toki continue the Review's strength in issues of international law. The former looks at the protection of civilians during armed conflict, while the latter assesses the potential of customary international law to help advance Māori rights. Finally, Matthew Hill defends John Finnis's methodology in legal theory.

We have been fortunate this year to have had an exceptional team of editors. The popularity of the Review continues: we had to turn away many times more applicants than we could accept. This is despite the burden on editors increasing in recent years. Each article now goes through two pairs of

editors in an attempt to improve the final product. We are grateful for their vital contribution.

In following the trend of recent years, the Review's activities have continued to expand beyond the journal itself. We repeated the Honours Seminar Symposium that debuted in 2011. Stephanie Thompson, Georgina Borowczyk, Jack Oliver-Hood, Hugh Magee and Sam Blackman gave brief presentations based on their Honours seminar papers from 2011. Furthermore, we initiated an hour-long Honours Seminar Paper Writing Workshop, which aimed to give practical advice and assistance to current Honours students.

Finally, the Review's annual Alumni Symposium proved again to be a highlight of the year. The theme of "Constitutional Review" was chosen to align with the work of the Constitutional Advisory Panel. Chaired by the Hon Justice Stevens (1969), papers were presented by the Hon Dr Wayne Mapp (1975), Stephen Hunter (1996–1998) and Paul Majurey (1984). This was followed by another enjoyable alumni dinner at the Northern Club, at which the Hon Justice Asher (1970–1971) spoke on challenges to the justice system posed by modern technology.

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It has been an honour to lead the editorial team in 2012. The experience has been challenging, daunting, time-consuming, but ultimately enjoyable and rewarding. We wish next year's editors all the best as they embark on volume 19.

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