

Insurance



What we do

- We are leading insurance law experts and provide strategic advice and representation for many of New Zealand's major insurers. We have a well-earned reputation for delivering pragmatic advice on technically complex indemnity and liability issues.
- We understand that the sooner problems are solved the better. Whether a claim is simple or complex, we get to grips with the issues quickly. We work closely with both our insurer clients and their customers to help them resolve claims at the earliest possible stage.

How we help

- We regularly advise major property and liability insurers on policy coverage and indemnity issues.
- We defend insureds on instructions from their insurers across the full range of liability risks, including professional, statutory, public/product, and directors' and officers' liability.
- We also advise and act for brokers on liability issues arising from risk placement and claims presentation.

Experience

- regularly advising New Zealand's leading specialist liability insurer and representing its insureds in civil, regulatory and disciplinary proceedings
- advising an insured party on one of the largest contracts works insurance claims in recent history
- acting for a large national insurer in the investigation and civil proceedings brought by the Financial Markets Authority in relation to the overcharging of multi policy discounts.
- advising and acting for an NZX-listed company in a market-leading claim relating to insurance cover available for pandemic losses and related issues

- acting for forestry companies in relation to liability claims arising out of damage to farmland, properties and beaches resulting from forestry slash and woody debris following storm events in 2018 and 2023
- advising on property damage, business interruption and liability claims arising from natural disasters, including claims under the Earthquake Commission (EQC) Act
- acting for TOWER Insurance in over 100 proceedings arising from the Canterbury earthquakes, including precedent-setting cases on the reinstatement of EQC cover, the effect of the residential 'red zone' on private insurers' cover, and numerous other court decisions
- representing a liability insurer at trial in a claim on a rarely-tested 'reasonable care' condition in a liability policy
- advising on some of the highest-value commercial property, business interruption and infrastructure claims arising out of the Canterbury earthquakes
- acting for an international insurance broker in respect of claims arising from the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake
- acting for a multi-disciplinary consultancy firm in relation to proceedings alleging defects in design and construction
- regularly advising insurers on indemnity issues and defending claims against their insureds relating to professional liability, statutory liability, public/product liability, directors and officers' insurance as well as property and general insurance

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