

Dennis King
Principal

Other Areas that Dennis Would Like to Develop

Jurimetrics – the application of quantitative methods to legal problems

Legal document modeling software development – software to assist lawyers and others in drafting legal documents

Career Highlights to Date

Achieving partnership after only the minimum period of practice of three years.

Helping to build my previous law firm from the smallest firm in New Plymouth when I joined in 1983 (three lawyers in total) to one of the largest firms in Taranaki (25 lawyers in total at its peak about 2003).

Successfully founding my own law firm on 1 August 2006.

Preparing the pleadings and briefs of evidence and appearing as junior counsel in a claim for negligence which resulted in a settlement of \$775,000.00 for our plaintiff client, even though nobody thought we had a chance beforehand.

Preparing the pleadings and affidavits and acting as the instructing solicitor in a High Court application by an eighty million dollar Charitable Trust to vary its trust deed, which application was successful even though it was strenuously opposed by a section of the local community.

Successfully creating a good commercial law practice with a good team from scratch at my previous law firm.

Other Milestones

Dux of my High School in 1970.

Represented Otago University on TV quiz show “University Challenge” in 1976, which Otago won.

Successfully climbed Mt Taranaki twice.

Married in 1980 and have two adult children born 1983 and 1985 respectively.

Overseas experience in 1975 (Europe and Latin America) and again in 1980-1981 (Europe).