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This seminar discusses practical matters that arise when lawyers are preparing appeal cases. The seminar first lays out the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal and the different matters that may be appealed. The types of appeals discussed are appeals on points of law, judgments concerning the exercise of discretion, interlocutory injunctions and policy issues. The seminar then addresses the steps involved in getting a case to the Court of Appeal, preparing for a hearing and the conduct expected in the appeal itself. The seminar ends with two case studies to help illustrate the points raised.

"Provisional Practice Notes: Civil Appeals/Criminal Appeals"
"Provisional Practice Notes," LawTalk, pp. 460, July 22, 1996
Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper Series Richardson Paper No. 46

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This article sets out the provisional practice notes which were to be used in appeal cases when a fixture had been applied for in a civil case or allocated in a criminal case. These notes were drafted following a review of the court procedures and were to be reviewed after they had been used for six months. Their aim was to reduce hearing time to allow judges more time to consider cases and write judgments, and to give more guidance to counsel in preparing submissions.

"Court of Appeal Reforms"
"Court of Appeal Reforms" (paper presented to the New Zealand Bar Association Conference, Queenstown, July 1996)
Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper Series Richardson Paper No. 47

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This paper first explains two reviews of the court system which were then occurring: the organisation of case processing and management, and the review of the court office. The focus of this paper is on the first review. It looks at the average time taken to decide appeal cases and then discusses the steps undertaken to process cases more efficiently. These are the drafting of new Practice Notes and the planning for three and five judge courts. The last section of the paper provides a detailed breakdown of the planning for these developments.

"Appellate Case Management Techniques in New Zealand"
"Appellate Case Management Techniques in New Zealand" speech delivered at the Second Worldwide Common Law Judiciary Conference, Washington, May 1997
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Appellate courts seek to secure the just, effective and efficient dispatch of court business. This article discusses the New Zealand developments in appellate court case management due to the increased workload of the Court and resource constraints. It explores the composition of judges on the New Zealand Court of Appeal, the workload of the Court and the nature of appeals to the Privy Council. It then sets out the initiatives undertaken to ensure more efficient appeal decisions.

"What Makes a 'Leading' Case?"

"What Makes a 'Leading' Case" (2010) 41 VUWLR 317.
Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper Series Richardson Paper No. 49

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The theme developed in the paper is that what makes a leading case is not immediately apparent or able to be captured in a short definition. The crucial questions are how and why a case is seen to be or to have been particularly influential in settling an area of the law. Exploring these questions necessarily involves viewing the case in its historical context. Economic and behavioral implications and impacts should also be kept in mind.

The paper draws on empirical research involving retired judges, experienced lawyers, and judges' clerks and on specialist essays by senior academic lawyers produced for the 50th anniversary conference of the Court of Appeal in 2008. The research results show how much room there is for differing assessments of significance. The second half of the paper discusses a range of appeal cases explaining how and why the Court focused on particular matters of significance in deciding the cases.

"What Can Commercial Lawyers Expect of a Legal System?"
"What Can Commercial Lawyers Expect of a Legal System?" (1998) 4 New Zealand Business Law Quarterly 128.
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This paper was originally given as the opening address at the Eighth Inter-Pacific Bar Association Conference held in Auckland in May 1998. In it, Sir Ivor discusses the desirable features of a legal system from the perspective of commercial lawyers and their clients. These are: a fair and accessible body of laws with certain characteristics; regulatory regimes which promote market efficiency and effective choices for consumers in the provisions of goods and services; and efficient, fair and effective vehicles for dispute resolution. The New Zealand Government's proposal for a Regulatory Responsibility Act, the Fiscal Responsibility Act 1994 and the Reserve Bank Act 1989 are also discussed.

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Alumni include Sir Robin Cooke (1926-2006), one of the leading judges of the British Commonwealth. As Baron Cooke of Thorndon, he sat on over 100 appeals to the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords, one of very few Commonwealth judges ever appointed to do so.

Since 1996 the **Law School** has occupied the Old Government Building in central Wellington. Designed by William Clayton and opened in 1876 to house New Zealand's then civil service, the building is a particularly fine example of Italianate neo-Renaissance style. Unusually among large colonial official buildings of the time it is constructed of wood, apart from chimneys and vaults.

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