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**Type of Registration** (Dinner is Additional to the Registration Fee)

Full 2-day registration  NZ\$200

Single day registration  NZ\$100

Student Rate (ID Required)  NZ\$50

Conference Dinner  NZ\$60

Pre-sale copy of conference proceedings  
to be published in the VUWLR  NZ\$35

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## 2nd Salmond Lecture

### “Why Legal History Matters”

Jim Phillips

Faculty of Law, Department of History,  
University of Toronto

Chair: **The Right Honourable Dame Sian Elias,**  
Chief Justice of New Zealand

Thursday 24 June  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

Lecture Theatre 1,  
Old Government Buildings

Please RSVP to Olivia James  
04 463 6327, [Olivia.James@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Olivia.James@vuw.ac.nz)



## Accommodation

Here are the details for two local Hotels preferred by Victoria University Law School. Both hotels are within 10 minutes walk of the Law School. Please contact the hotels **directly** for reservations.

### The Bolton Hotel

Cnr Bolton and Mowbray Streets  
Wellington  
Email: [info@boltonhotel.co.nz](mailto:info@boltonhotel.co.nz)  
Reservations (NZ only): 0800 99 66 22  
Reservations (International): +64 4 472 9966

### Holiday Inn

Featherson Street  
Email: [groups@holidayinnwellington.co.nz](mailto:groups@holidayinnwellington.co.nz)  
Reservations: +64 4 498 3765 or  
+64 4 498 3765

## Conference Dinner

The Conference dinner will be held at the Tinaori Bistro at 7.00pm on  
Friday 25 June. The cost is \$60.

Tinakori Bistro  
328 Tinakori Road  
Thorndon



# LEADING CASES CONFERENCE



**Thursday 24 — Saturday 26 June 2010**

Salmond Room, 2nd Floor,  
Government Buildings,  
Victoria University of Wellington Law School  
15 Lambton Quay, Wellington



*We would like to acknowledge the kind support of the  
New Zealand Law Foundation.*

John Pearse, Court House Nelson, 1851, E-455-f-018-5, Alexander Turnbull Library,  
Wellington

## About the Conference

Much of New Zealand's legal history remains unknown or under-explored. Court decisions not only tell us about aspects of law in the early period, but can do much to illuminate the development of both the New Zealand legal system and New Zealand society in general. In June, the New Zealand Lost Cases project will host a two day legal history symposium featuring a selection of leading cases from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Speakers from Canada, New Zealand and Australia will present on a variety of early New Zealand Supreme Court cases. Many of these cases are unknown, all represent key moments in the development of New Zealand's legal history and jurisprudence.

The conference directly builds on the New Zealand Law Foundation funded project, New Zealand Lost Cases, which is based at Victoria University of Wellington. This project seeks to recover Supreme Court decisions from 1841-1883, as well as to select and publish Native Land Court decisions from the first 20 years of that court. [www.victoria.ac.nz/law/nzlostcases](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/law/nzlostcases)

For more information on the conference programme contact Shaunnagh Dorsett, [Shanunnagh.Dorsett@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Shanunnagh.Dorsett@vuw.ac.nz).

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## Preliminary Programme

### Thursday 24 June

- 18.00 **Professor Jim Phillips**  
Second Salmond Lecture
- 19.00 VUWLR – launch issue and drinks
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### Friday 25 June

- 08.45 Welcome—Professor ATH Smith, Dean, Faculty of Law, Victoria University of Wellington

#### Session I

- 09.00 **Rt Hon Sir Ivor Richardson**  
What Makes a 'Leading Case'?
- 09.45 **The Hon. Justice Susan Glazebrook**  
Commentator's Remarks

- 10.00 Morning Tea
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#### Session II

- 10.30 **David V Williams**  
"The pre-history of the English Laws Act 1858:  
*McLiver v Macky* (1856)"
- 11.15 **Damen Ward**  
Repugnancy, Prerogative Authority, and the Disallowance of Colonial Laws:  
*In the matter of Lloyd* (1844)

- 12.00 **Geoff McLay**  
Struggling with Suing Sovereigns: *Brogden v The Queen*, *Sloman v The Governor of New Zealand*

- 12.45 Lunch
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#### Session III

- 14.00 **Shaunnagh Dorsett**  
Courts, Jurisdictions and Laws in Early Colonial New Zealand: *Pharazyn v Smith* (1844) and the Story of the Voyage of the 'Unsavoury Jane'
- 14.45 **Stuart Anderson**  
'Commercial Law on the Beach: Shore-whaling Litigation in early Colonial New Zealand.'
- 15.30 Grab a coffee or tea break

## Preliminary Programme

### Friday 25 June cont.

- Session IV**
- 15.40 **Megan Simpson**  
*Fitzgerald v Clifford* (1846): Breach of Promise of Marriage in early Colonial New Zealand
- 16.25 **Charlotte MacDonald**  
To Have and to Hold – Marriage and the Making of Empire
- 17.15 Day One concludes
- 19.00 Conference Dinner, Tinakori Bistro
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### Saturday 26 June

#### Session V

- 09.00 **Jeremy Finn**  
John James Meikle and the Problem of the Wrongly Convicted: an Enquiry into the History of Criminal Appeals in New Zealand
- 09.45 **Grant Morris**  
Prendergast's Revenge: Contempt of Court in *Gillon v MacDonald* (1878)

- 10.30 Morning Tea
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#### Session VI

- 11.00 **Richard Boast**  
"Possession by force of arms": the Native Land Court's 1870 Chatham Islands decision
- 11.45 **Bruce Kercher**  
Informal land titles, and *Snowden v Baker*, 1843
- 12.30 **Rt Hon Dame Sian Elias, Ned Fletcher**  
*Busby v White* (1859): a collusive suit to "confound the rights of property through the length and breadth of the Colony"?
- 13.15 **Jim Phillips**  
Concluding Comments