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["The Durability of Time Unlimited Legal Arrangements"](#) 

Comparative Law Journal of the Pacific (Journal de Droit Comparé du Pacifique), Vol. 19, p. 1, 2013
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Another version of this paper can be found at: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2310404>

This paper highlights some instances where certainty and permanence were primary objectives of the parties and the outcomes were later challenged, sometimes successfully. When and why, then, is forever not forever? The paper focuses on international law, constitutional law, contract law, controlling provisions in company documents and the impact of perpetuities rules on succession to property. In discussing the subject areas the paper also explores how constitutional law and international law may overlap. The paper concludes by drawing four general conclusions from that survey.

["The Legal Relationship Between an International Organization and its Personnel"](#) 

"The Legal Relation Between an International Organization and its Personnel" Wayne L. Rev. Vol. 2, No. 2, p. 75 (1956)
[Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper Series Richardson Paper No. 74](#)

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This article discusses the legal relation between the League of Nations, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations and their respective personnel. It explores the nature of the relationship between these parties, concluding that it is one of contract, which as it is not a creature of public law will not be subject to public policy, and will be interpreted according to any relevant general legal principles. In reaching this conclusion a number of decisions of the League of Nations and the United Nations Administrative Tribunal are analysed.

["New Zealand's Claims in the Antarctic"](#) 

"New Zealand's Claims in the Antarctic" (1957), 33 New Zealand Law Journal 38
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Firstly, this article lays out the general principles of law relating to acquisition and sovereignty. It then discusses whether the climatic and geographical features of the Polar Regions should be taken into account when applying these principles in these areas. Focusing on New Zealand's claim to the Ross Dependency, the article then explores to what extent occupation, possession and control must be present for such a claim to sovereignty over an area of Antarctica to be valid.

["The Permanent Court of Appeal: Surveying the 50 Years"](#) 

"The Permanent Court of Appeal: Surveying the 50 Years" in Bigwood (ed) The Permanent Court of New Zealand: Essays on the First 50 Years (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2009) 297.
[Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper Series Richardson Paper No. 76](#)

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This article was written to mark 50 years since the New Zealand Court of Appeal was constituted with permanent full-time appellate judges. The first section of the paper discusses the events leading up to the establishment of the Court. It then notes some major historical events in the life of the Court. Next, two snapshots of the Court are provided through documents from 1980 and 1996 showing the comparative workload, resources and functioning of the Court. The following section of the article contains a statistical analysis of decisions of the Court over the 50 years. Finally, the article looks at a number of significant decisions from each decade and comments on the relationship between the Court of Appeal and first the Privy Council and later the Supreme Court.

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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.

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