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Traditionally under common law the father held a position of supreme authority in the family. He had the right to control the conduct and services of his child and was entitled to the earnings of his child until he or she reached the age of 21. However, in certain circumstances the child was considered free from parental authority. This paper discusses the problems that arise when a child is emancipated and the desirability of bringing the law governing this area into line with social change and policy. The paper explores the common law and statutes concerning the emancipation of minors by parental act

and by operation of law. It finishes with the draft of a statute designed to address the problems arising from emancipation.

["Family Law Policy in New Zealand: Foreword"](#)

"Foreword" in Heneghan and Atkin (eds) Family Law Policy in New Zealand (Oxford University Press, Auckland, 1992)
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This foreword to Family Law and Policy emphasises the changes that had occurred in this area of law in the previous ten years. Sir Ivor comments that the book deals with controversial issues and presents a variety of view from different authors to provide a balanced and challenging account of family law policy.

["Family Property Symposium: Welcome Address"](#)

"Family Property Symposium: Welcome Address" (1995) 25 VUWLR 1.
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In this address Sir Ivor Richardson introduces the first symposium of the New Zealand Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, which was set up to promote legal education, research and scholarship. The symposium focused on Family Property, Law and Policy. 1994 was designated by the United Nations as the International Year of the Family.

["Family Courts: Some Questions for Consideration"](#)

"Family Courts: Some Questions for Consideration" (2000) 3 Butterworths Family Law Journal 113.
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This address was given by Sir Ivor Richardson to the Family Courts Conference, held in Auckland in October 1999. In it, Sir Ivor first discusses the need to develop family law expertise at the appellate court level. He then briefly looks at the potential for inequality arising from the equal division of property under the Matrimonial Property Act. Next, the process for developing policy and legislation is explored using the Domestic Violence Act as an example. Finally, he addresses the tax policy process and whether this process could be used more widely, and questions of legal aid.

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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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