



Public Office Holders' Lecture

The Judicial Conduct Commissioner: current challenges

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The Office of the Judicial Conduct Commissioner was established in August 2005 to deal with complaints about the conduct of Judges. It has an important role in preserving the delicate balance between judicial independence and accountability within New Zealand's constitutional system.

Over time, the office has faced considerable challenges – not least, the 300 per cent increase in number of complaints received annually since the office was first established. In this public lecture, Judicial Conduct Commissioner Sir David Gascoigne discusses the role the office plays and the obstacles that it faces in discharging its critical constitutional functions.

The Office's 11 page annual report can be found at http://www.jcc.govt.nz/template.asp?folder=REPORTS_AND_NEWS and provides useful background.



About the Commissioner

Sir David Gascoigne took up the position on 3 August 2009. His main professional career has been as a corporate lawyer. He was a Chairman of Partners of Rudd Watts & Patterson, then subsequently National Chairman of Partners of the merged firm now known as Minter Ellison Rudd Watts. He is now a consultant to that firm. He holds, or has held, a number of Chairmanships and Directorships of companies in both the private and the public sectors. He also holds, or has held, many senior positions in a wide variety of forms of arts administration. He was, in 2005, the Chairman of the Rugby World Cup 2011 Bid Advisory Committee. He is also the Independent Reviewer of the Auditor-General's audit allocation processes.

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