

IAN GILES HUNT

Current role: Consultant, Young Hunter Lawyers Christchurch, New Zealand.

Nationalities: New Zealand, British, Australian.

Personal profile

I am a litigation consultant with Young Hunter Lawyers in Christchurch. I have extensive experience in a wide range of litigation and advice in civil and commercial areas including trusts and estates, medico-legal (Accident Compensation), insurance, employment, professional discipline, governance, and sport related matters.

I have practised at all levels of the New Zealand Court system, and in the United Kingdom. I have extensive experience in mediation and arbitration, and in appearing before Tribunals including the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand and the International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). I am a member of the CAS, the World Athletics Disciplinary Panel, Sport Resolutions International Panel, the FIA Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee, the FIS (International Ski and Snowboard Federation) Ethics Committee, and the World Aquatics Ad Hoc Legal Committee. I have been appointed to other *ad hoc* sporting tribunals, as detailed below.

I am a Lawyer Member of the New Zealand Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal, the formal functions of which are to hear and determine professional disciplinary charges of a serious nature laid against legal practitioners, and related issues.

Experience in legal issues affecting sport

I have a broad ranging sports law practice, having acted for individuals, national and regional sporting organisations, and clubs in a wide range of sports, including: archery, cricket, lawn bowls, motor sport (in various disciplines), mountain biking, netball, road cycling, rugby, rugby league, shooting, surfing, surf lifesaving, swimming, triathlon, weightlifting, winter sports (including ice hockey, ice speed skating and alpine and free ride skiing), tennis, wrestling and numerous other sports.

I have represented individual athletes and national and regional sporting organisations and clubs, and the New Zealand Olympic Committee, in various matters including drafting the NZOC Selection and Nomination Process Agreement and ancillary documents, Judicial Review proceedings before the High Court of New Zealand, proceedings before the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand, the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and numerous domestic disciplinary and related tribunals in connection with anti-doping, ethical, conduct related, selection and governance matters.

Current and previous involvement in sport, disciplinary and ethical roles

Between July 2013 and July 2017, I was a member of the Inaugural FINA (Federation Internationale de Natation) Ethics Panel. In that capacity I wrote all decisions issued by the Panel in respect of matters referred to the Panel.

In 2017 I was appointed as a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), to which I have since been reappointed twice.

In 2019 I was appointed as a member of the World Athletics Disciplinary Tribunal (formerly the International Athletics Federation Disciplinary Tribunal), to which I was reappointed in August 2023.

In March 2021 I was appointed as an International Panel Member of Sport Resolutions Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators.

In 2021 I was appointed as a member of the FIA (Federation Internationale de l'Automobile) Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee.

In June 2024 I was appointed as a member of the FIS (International Ski and Snowboard Federation) Ethics Committee.

In June 2024 I was appointed to the newly reinstated World Aquatics ad hoc Legal Committee, of which I had been a member between 2021 – 2023, before it was dissolved.

I have been an Association Commissioner (a Disciplinary Tribunal role) for New Zealand Cricket since 2001 and have conducted numerous hearings regarding breaches of the New Zealand Cricket Code of Conduct. I have been appointed by other sports to conduct disciplinary and anti-doping related hearings in cases of moment.

I have appeared in numerous anti-doping appeals before the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and NSO internal anti-doping tribunals, numerous nomination and selection appeals, and sporting matters that have resolved without a hearing.

Recent appointments to various judicial panels and Tribunals include Chair of the Independent Panel of the Commonwealth Games Federation Court for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games; a World Sailing Independent Tribunal; the 2022 Rugby League World Cup *ad hoc* Panel; the 2022 Billie Jean King Cup Finals Independent Tribunal; and the 2023 and 2024 Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup Finals Independent Tribunal, as detailed below, along with other confidential appointments in respect of various sports.

I was (for 6 ½ years) a Director of High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ), a role which gave me unparalleled exposure to numerous performance, governance and ethics related issues encountered by New Zealand's NSOs, both domestically and internationally.

Until May 2024 I was a director of Snowsports New Zealand, a position I relinquished to take up appointment as a member of the FIS Ethics Committee

Education/qualifications:

1998 Postgraduate Certificate in Sports Law, King's College, London

1983 LLB University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

Professional memberships:

- Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand (1984).
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales (1999).
- Member, ANZSLA (Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association) (1999 - current).

International and National Sport Panel Adjudication and other roles

- Member, International Tennis Federation (ITF) Independent Tribunal – Standing Panel (including for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games July- August 2024).

- Member, World Sailing Independent Elections Ad Hoc Disciplinary Panel (July – November 2024).
- Member, World Aquatics Legal Ad Hoc Committee (current, appointed June 2024).
- Member, FIS (International Ski and Snowboard Federation) Ethics Committee (current, appointed June 2024).
- Member, Sport Resolution's Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, International Panel (2021 – current, reappointed March 2024).
- Member, World Athletics Disciplinary Tribunal (2019 – current, reappointed August 2023).
- Member, International Panel of Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) (2017 – current, reappointed May 2023).
- Member, FIA (Federation Internationale de l'Automobile Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee) (2021 – current, reappointed December 2024).
- Member, Billie Jean King Cup and Davis Cup Finals Independent Tribunal (November 2024)
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- Tennis New Zealand Judiciary Committee – Junior Billie Jean King Cup Selection Appeals (2023)
- Member, Rugby League World Cup Ad Hoc Panel (13 October – 21 November 2022)
- Member, Billie Jean King Cup Finals Independent Tribunal (8 – 13 November 2022)
- Chair, World Sailing Independent Panel (*Eight Individuals v World Sailing*, SR/142/2022, 12 August 2022).
- Chair, Independent Panel, Commonwealth Games Federation Court for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (20 July – 10 August 2022)
- Tennis New Zealand Judiciary Committee – Davis Cup Selection Appeals (2021)
- Association Commissioner, New Zealand Cricket (2001 – current).

Sports Governance roles

- Director, Snow Sports New Zealand (2022 – 2024).
- Director, High Performance Sport (HPSNZ) (2015 – 2021).
- Member, FINA (Federation Internationale de Natation) Ethics Panel (2013 – 2017).
- Director, Swimming New Zealand Incorporated (2012 – 2014).
- Member, Independent Working Group for Swimming New Zealand (2011 – 2012).

- President, Broken River Ski Club Incorporated (2011 – 2017).
- President, Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA) (2007 – 2012).
- Director, ANZSLA (2006 – 2007).
- Director and Chair, Team Canterbury Netball Limited (Flames Netball franchise) (2002 – 2008).

Other relevant roles and experience

- Lawyer Member, New Zealand Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal (2019 - current).
- Member, Independent Investigator Panel in respect of complaints made pursuant to Elected Members Code of Conduct, Christchurch City Council (January 2023 – current).
- Convenor, Canterbury Westland Standards Committee (2) (2008 – 2017).

Other roles

- Chair, Arts on Tour NZ Board of Trustees (AOTNZ) (2022 – current).
- Trustee, Elmwood Normal School Board of Trustees.

Professional career history

Young Hunter Lawyers (Christchurch)	Consultant	August 2023 - current
Young Hunter Lawyers (Christchurch)	Partner	1992 – July 2023
Field Seymour Parkes (Reading, UK)	Solicitor	1998 – 1999
Challenor Gardiner (Oxford, UK)	Solicitor	1998 – 1999
Young Hunter Lawyers (Christchurch)	Associate	1990 – 1992
Young Hunter Lawyers (Christchurch)	Solicitor	1988 – 1990
Bristows Cooke & Carpmael (London)	Solicitor	1987 – 1988
Cruickshank Pryde (Invercargill)	Solicitor	1984 – 1986