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Educational Qualifications

PhD in Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1987
MJur (with Distinction), University of Auckland, New Zealand, 1979
BA/LLB (Hons), University of Auckland, New Zealand, 1978

Summary

Dr Penelope Ridings is Barrister, International Lawyer and Honorary Professor, practicing and researching in the field of public international law.

She has had a distinguished legal and diplomatic career, including 27 years at New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, during which she served as New Zealand's Chief International Legal Adviser (2011 to 2015), Ambassador to Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (2008 to 2011), and High Commissioner to Samoa (2001 to 2004).

Dr Ridings has extensive experience in public international law, as a negotiator, advocate and adjudicator. For example, she was:

- Appointed in 2020 to the World Trade Organisation "Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement" as a Member of the pool of arbitrators, following extensive experience as both Counsel and Panellist for the WTO dispute settlement mechanism.
- New Zealand Agent, Counsel and Advocate before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in *Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v Japan, New Zealand Intervening)*, for which she was awarded a "Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit" for Services to the State.
- Expert witness before the New Zealand Waitangi Tribunal on New Zealand's investment obligations and interpretation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (WAI 2522) in

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2016 and witness before the Waitangi Tribunal hearing on investment issues and the mixed ownership model as they relate to the freshwater inquiry (WAI 2358), 2012.

- Designated by New Zealand to the Panel of Arbitrators and Panel of Conciliators of the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Dispute, nominated by New Zealand to the List of Conciliators and List of Arbitrators under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
- Lead counsel for New Zealand in a number of key international trade and investment negotiations, including the New Zealand-Korea Free Trade Agreement and the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership (P4) between Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Singapore, and New Zealand.

Professional Experience

- **Honorary Professor of Law**, University of Auckland, New Zealand: 2021 - present
- **Barrister and International Lawyer**, New Zealand: 2015 – present
- **Chief International Legal Adviser**, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade: 2011-2015
- **Ambassador** of New Zealand to Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, 2008 - 2011
- **International Trade Law Adviser** and Head of Trade Law, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2004 –2007
- **High Commissioner** of New Zealand to Samoa, 2001 – 2004
- **Deputy Director** (Oceans and Environment), Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 1998 – 2001
- **Deputy High Commissioner** of New Zealand to Samoa, 1995 –1998
- **First Secretary**, New Zealand Embassy, Bonn, Germany, 1991 – 1994
- **Legal Adviser**, Legal Division, New Zealand Ministry of External Affairs and Trade: 1988– 1990
- **Legal Adviser**, Attorney-General’s Office, Samoa, 1980
- **Lecturer of Law**, University of Auckland Law School, New Zealand, 1979

Arbitral and Adjudication Experience

- **Member** of the pool of arbitrators for the WTO Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement, appointed 2020
- **Expert** before the New Zealand High Court in *New Zealand Steel Ltd v Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs* CIV-2019-485-553 & CIV-2019-485-552 in the matter of the exercise of powers under the *Dumping and Countervailing Duties Act 1988*, 2020
- **Counsel** for the New Zealand Crown before the *Inquiry into Operation Burnham*, 2019-2020
- **WTO Panellist** in *United States - Certain Measures Relating to the Renewable Energy Sector* (DS 510), 2018-2019
- **WTO Panellist** in *Ukraine - Anti-Dumping Measures on Ammonium Nitrate from Russia* (DS 493), 2017-2018

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- **WTO Panellist** in *European Union - Measures Affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products from China* (DS 492), 2016-2017
- **Expert witness** before the Waitangi Tribunal on New Zealand's investment obligations and interpretation of the *Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement* (WAI 2522), 2016
- **Counsel** for New Zealand at the WTO in *Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products* (DS477), 2015-2016
- **Counsel and Advocate** for New Zealand before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in *Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC)*, 2013-2014
- **Agent, Counsel and Advocate** for New Zealand before the International Court of Justice in *Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v Japan, New Zealand Intervening)*, 2012-2014.
- **Witness** before the Waitangi Tribunal hearing on investment issues and the mixed ownership model as they relate to the freshwater inquiry (WAI 2358), 2012
- **Lead Counsel** for New Zealand in WTO dispute settlement consultations in *Australia – Measures Affecting the Importation of Apples from New Zealand* (DS 367), 2007
- **Lead Counsel** for New Zealand before the WTO Appellate Body in *United States – Final Dumping Determination on Softwood Lumber from Canada – Recourse to Article 21.5 by Canada* (DS 264), 2006
- **Lead Counsel** for New Zealand before the World Trade Organisation panel and Appellate Body in *United States – Safeguard Measure on Imports of Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Lamb from New Zealand* (DS 177), 1999-2001
- Prepared or supervised the preparation of New Zealand third party submissions to numerous WTO panels and the Appellate Body

Negotiation Experience

Dr Ridings has been involved extensively in bilateral and multilateral negotiations, including on trade and investment issues and in multilateral fora. She managed and supervised legal input into New Zealand's FTA negotiations, including investment chapters, and was Legal Counsel for the following FTA negotiations:

- New Zealand-Korea Free Trade Agreement, 2014
- Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement among Brunei Darussalam, Chile, New Zealand and Singapore, August 2004-June 2005
- New Zealand-Thailand Closer Economic Partnership Agreement, June-December 2004

Professional Appointments and Memberships

- Honorary Professor of Law, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- Roster of Panel Chairs, Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership
- Designated by New Zealand to the Panel of Arbitrators and Panel of Conciliators of the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes

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- Designated by New Zealand on the List of Conciliators and List of Arbitrators under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- Member of the Advisory Board, New Zealand Yearbook of International Law
- Council Member, Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law, 2011-2015
- Organizing Committee, Annual Conferences of the Australia New Zealand Society of International Law, 2012 and 2013
- Barrister and Solicitor, High Court of New Zealand; Member, New Zealand Bar Association
- Member of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law (ANZSIL)
- Member of the American Society of International Law (ASIL)
- Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Associate Member of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand

New Zealand Honours

- Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for Services to the State, 2015

Selected Publications

Dr Ridings researches and practices in the field of public international law, in particular on international dispute settlement, arbitration and mediation, international trade and investment law, law of the sea, fisheries, environmental law. She has published and presented papers on all these areas. The following are a few highlights:

“New Zealand and International Dispute Resolution: Drivers and Influence” in An Hertogen and Anna Hood (eds), *International Law in Aotearoa/New Zealand* (Thomson Reuters, forthcoming 2021)

“The Role of International Dispute Resolution as an Accountability Mechanism for Climate Change”, presentation to the London Conference on International Law, October 2019

“Arbitrating International Trade Disputes: What does the Future Hold?” presentation to the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand Conference, August 3, 2019, SSRN

“Redefining environmental stewardship to deliver governance frameworks for marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction” *ICES Journal of Marine Science* Vol 75: 1, 435-443, January/February 2018

“Investment Negotiations: Walking the Tightrope between Offensive and Defensive Interests” *New Zealand Business Law Quarterly* Vol 21 No 4, 277-296, 15 December 2015

“International Arbitrations” in P Green, B Hunt and T Kennedy-Grant, Green and Hunt on Arbitration Law and Practice (Thomson Reuters) 2015, 2017 and 2019 editions

“The Intervention Procedure in Whaling in the Antarctic: A Threat to Bilateralism?” 32 *Australian Year Book of International Law*, 97-112 (2014)

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“Whaling in the Antarctic: Some Reflections by Counsel” (with Elana Geddis), 11 *New Zealand Yearbook of International Law*, 143-158 (2013)

“New Zealand and the World Trade Organisation Dispute Settlement: A Level Playing Field?”, Presentation to International Law Association Auckland Branch, August 2011

“Liberal Economics: New Zealand Free Trade Agreements” in B Skulska ed, *Proceedings of Conference, East Asian Integration: Myth or Reality?* Economic University of Wrocław, 115-130 (2010)

D Evans & P Ridings, “A Decade of WTO Dispute Settlement: New Zealand’s Experience” 3 *New Zealand Yearbook of International Law* 1-15 (2006)

Presenter, “The Spaghetti Bowl Effect: Reconciling Different FTAs with Overlapping Parties”, Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law, Annual Symposium, Victoria University of Wellington, August 2005

Presenter, “WTO Dispute Settlement: A Practical Perspective”, Seminar on International Courts and Tribunals for Practitioners from South-East Asia and the South Pacific Regions, Victoria University of Wellington, July 2004