

## MURRAY McKECHNIE BARRISTER

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## NATURE OF LEGAL PRACTICE

- Senior litigation partner in Rotorua Law Practices and barrister from 1998
- Wide experience in High Court and Court of Appeal in civil and criminal divisions
- Practice 80% in civil division of High Court with emphasis upon contract law, relationship property, insurance and contract commercial litigation
- Counsel for insurers in property damage and P I claims
- Mediator/Arbitrator in civil disputes, contract law, relationship property, thoroughbred breeding and racing industry
- Five years as a member of the Crown Solicitors' panel in Bay of Plenty
- Conduct of defence in cases of serious crime
- Counsel in relation to governance of Māori Trusts and Incorporations with appearances in Māori Land Court, Māori Appellate Court and Court of Appeal

## INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSION

- Formerly President Rotorua Law Association and council member of Waikato-Bay of Plenty Law Society
- Served on specialist committees of Law Society in relation to litigation complaints and costs

## OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Chairman of Appeals Tribunal and Non-Raceday Judicial Committees for the Judicial Control Authority for thoroughbred, harness and dog racing under the NZ Rules of Racing. 2007 to date
- Five years a member of the Bay of Plenty Area Health Board (on nomination of Minister of Health)
- Formerly Director of Lakeland Health (Rotorua/Taupō based Crown Health Enterprise)
- For some time Director of Rotorua Electricity Limited

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## RELEVANT DATES

- Educated Otago Boys' High School and Otago University.
- Junior cross-country champion.
- Captain debating team and debating prize
- History prize
- Chairman School Council
- Deputy Head Boy 1966
- Otago University Bachelor of Laws 1971
- Butterworth's prize in company law
- Member of Otago University Mooting team
- Secretary/Treasurer Otago University Cricket Club
- Coach Otago University Rugby Club

### **1968 – 75**

Clerk/Solicitor in Dunedin law practice of Ross Dowling Marquet & Griffin. Upon admission continuous practice in Police Court and High Court

### **1975**

To Rotorua. In 1978 partner in Urquhart Roe & Partners to 1984

### **1984**

Senior partner McKechnie Morrison Shand

### **1988**

McKechnie Quirke & Lewis formed from amalgamation of the two practices of McKechnie Morrison Shand and Trotter Quirke & Lewis

Senior partner in McKechnie Quirke & Lewis

### **1998 to date**

Practice as Barrister at the independent bar

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Breeding and racing thoroughbred horses
- Member Auckland and Rotorua Racing Clubs
- Formerly a member of committee of Rotorua Racing Club
- Golf
- Fly fishing. Legal counsel to the World Fly Fishing Championship Rotorua 1991
- Reading (outside the law) when time permits
- Travel