

Hon Christopher Finlayson

Attorney-General



Media Statement

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High Court Judge appointed

Wellington public servant and barrister and solicitor Gerardus van Bohemen has been appointed a Judge of the High Court, Attorney-General Christopher Finlayson announced today.

Justice van Bohemen graduated from Victoria University with a BA (English) in 1977 and an LLB (Hons) 1st Class in 1979. Between 1978 and 1982 he worked for the Legal Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, before spending four years at the New Zealand Permanent Mission to the United Nations (UN) in New York.

In 1987 Justice van Bohemen returned to New Zealand and was the Deputy Director of the Legal Division at the Ministry of External Relations and Trade, leaving in 1990 to join Russell McVeagh McKenzie Bartleet & Co in Auckland.

In 1993 he returned to New York and spent two years as the Deputy New Zealand Representative to the UN and the UN Security Council. On his return to New Zealand in 1995, he joined the Auckland office of Buddle Findlay as a senior solicitor, becoming a partner in 1996.

Justice van Bohemen joined the partnership of Chen Palmer & Partners in 2004. He returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2005 as Director of the Legal Division and International Legal Adviser to the New Zealand Government and became the Deputy Secretary responsible for Multilateral and Legal Affairs in 2010.

In May 2015 Justice van Bohemen was appointed New Zealand's Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the UN and New Zealand's Representative to the UN Security Council.

The new Judge will sit in Auckland.