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PROFILE

- 1 Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Barrister at Bankside Chambers (Auckland and Singapore) specialising in international commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration and public international law.
- 2 Recommended in Who's Who Legal and Legal 500 Asia-Pacific for International Arbitration and Commercial Disputes.
- 3 New Zealand's representative on the ICC International Court of Arbitration since 2021.
- 4 Vice-President of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ).
- 5 Co-Chair of the Campaign for Greener Arbitration APAC Committee.
- 6 PhD from the University of Cambridge in public international law.
- 7 Co-lecturer of the International Arbitration LLM course at the University of Auckland.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Anna currently practices as an arbitrator, construction adjudicator and barrister at Bankside Chambers. She has offices in Auckland and Singapore.

Anna is a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Vice-President Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ). She is also a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration.

Anna has extensive experience as counsel, arbitrator and tribunal secretary in arbitrations under the ICC, SIAC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, and LCIA Rules. She has particular expertise in cases concerning mining and natural resources, construction/infrastructure projects and public international law. Anna also accepts adjudication appointments and has adjudicated large infrastructure projects in New Zealand.

Anna has a PhD in public international law from the University of Cambridge and currently teaches International Arbitration at the University of Auckland.

Examples of recent Counsel work:

- Counsel assisting Zeph Investments in four investment treaty arbitrations against Australia concerning a range of iron ore and coal related projects under the UNCITRAL Rules.
- Representing a Hong Kong company in an e-commerce related dispute with a New Zealand company under the NZDRC Rules (and related litigation in the NZ Courts).
- Representing landowners in an arbitration against the New Zealand subsidiary of a multinational corporation, involving the restoration of contaminated culturally significant land.
- Representing AMINZ, as intervenor, in the Court of Appeal in *Attorney-General v GM and Gatfield and Anor v Hinton*.
- Counsel Assisting the Supreme Court in *Kea Investments Limited v Kenneth David Wikeley & Ors*

Examples of recent Arbitrator work:

- Sole arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration between a Malaysian claimant and a German company concerning a commission contract under Singapore law (Singapore seat).
- Sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a Bahrain entity and a South Korean entity concerning the construction of a natural gas pipeline and import facility (Singapore seat).
- Sole arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration between a Hong Kong entity and a Singaporean entity concerning a dispute under a charterparty (Singapore seat).
- Sole arbitrator in an Ad hoc international arbitration between a New Zealand entity and a Fijian entity concerning the construction of an international marina facility in Fiji (Auckland seat).
- Adjudicator in a dispute between a local Government and head contractor concerning the construction of a large hydro dam in the South Island of New Zealand.
- Emergency arbitrator in an ICC infrastructure dispute between a Chinese state-owned enterprise and an Indian State-owned enterprise.

Prior to establishing her own practice, Anna spent several years working closely with Sir David Williams KNZM, KC. Anna has assisted Sir David on some of his largest arbitrations, including an ICC arbitration between two States concerning an oil pipeline (Paris seat); an LCIA arbitration involving a mining project in Africa (London seat); an ICSID arbitration concerning a gold mining project; an UNCITRAL arbitration concerning financial services between an investor and a State (PCA); and a gas-related UNCITRAL arbitration between Indonesian entities (Singapore seat).

Anna previously practised at Herbert Smith LLP in London, where she was an Associate and Senior Associate in the International Arbitration and Public International Law Group.

Panel/List Member: HKIAC; SIAC; eBRAM; SHAC; ACICA; AMINZ (Arbitration and Adjudication); New Zealand International Arbitration Centre (NZIAC)

EDUCATION

- 2007** **PhD** (International Law), University of Cambridge, UK (Tapp Scholar, Gonville and Caius College)
- 2001** **LLB** (First Class Honours), University of Waikato, New Zealand
- 2001** **Bachelor of Arts** (double major: Political Science/French), University of Waikato, New Zealand

ADMISSIONS

- 2008** **England and Wales**
- 2000** **New Zealand**

RECENT PUBLICATIONS (EXAMPLES)

A Kirk and R Hindle *Aotearoa/New Zealand Second Arbitration Survey Report*, 2025

D Williams and A Kirk "The "Fourth Arbitrator" Laid to Rest" in C Brower et al (eds) *By Peaceful Means: International Adjudication and Arbitration* (OUP, 2024)

A Kirk and R Hindle *Aotearoa/New Zealand Inaugural Arbitration Survey Report*, 2022

A Kirk *National Report for New Zealand ICCA Hearing Project* available at <https://www.arbitration-icca.org/right-to-a-physical-hearing-international-arbitration>.

A Kirk and L Lindsay "Arbitration" [2020] New Zealand Law Review 639

D Williams and A Kirk "The Appeal of Appeals? The Approach to Appeals on Questions of Law in Asia-Pacific Jurisdictions" in N Kaplan, M Pryles and C Bao (eds) *International Arbitration: When East Meets West* (Wolters Kluwer, 2020)

A Kirk and Hon P Heath KC "Arbitration & Insolvency Disputes: A question of arbitrability" INSOL International, Special Report (July 2020)

D Williams and A Kawharu with A Kirk, D Kalderimis and W Miles *Williams & Kawharu on Arbitration* (2nd ed, Lexis Nexis, 2017)