

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date of Birth	14 September 1985 (Auckland)
Degrees	LLM, University of Auckland (expected completion 28 February 2015) BA/LLB (Hons), University of Auckland (UoA)
Date of Admission	19 March 2010 (New Zealand, barrister and solicitor)
Citizenship	New Zealand / United Kingdom

EMPLOYMENT

- Staff Solicitor – Grey Lynn Neighbourhood Law Office** *February 2014 – current*
- Provide pro bono legal advice to members of the public on a range of criminal and civil issues
- Consultant via Tong & Associates Limited** *September 2013 – current*
- Successfully merged two education charities with total turnover above \$1.8m and over 700 students
- Litigation Solicitor – Minter Ellison Rudd Watts** *2011 – June 2013*
- Appeared in High Court and District Court on contractual, regulatory and insolvency claims
 - Drafted submissions for the New Zealand Historic Places Trust for sentencing of two defendants for damage to Māori *pā* sites, resulting in largest fines awarded to date for historic place offending
 - Junior solicitor in successful appeal to Court of Appeal and successful opposition to leave to appeal to Supreme Court in case about the intentional economic torts
 - Junior solicitor for the insured in one of the largest insurance claims from Christchurch earthquakes, secured settlement over \$10m above total sum insured
 - Researched and drafted submissions for appeals to High Court and Court of Appeal about regulation and structure of the New Zealand wholesale electricity market
 - Successfully prosecuted animal welfare offences pro bono for the SPCA in District Court
- Judges’ Clerk, Auckland High Court – Ministry of Justice** *2009 – 2011*
- Assisted Judges with legal research, editing judgments, and summarising cases
 - Worked on a wide range of civil and criminal issues, including at appellate level
 - Worked primarily for Priestley, White, Cooper, and Andrews JJ and Associate Judge Christiansen
- Tutor, Law 121: Law and Society and Law 131: Legal Method – UoA (part time)** *2008 – 2014*
- Tutored classes in both compulsory part one Law papers and supervised Law tests
 - Received overwhelmingly positive feedback from students
- Research Assistant to Senior Lecturer Peter Sankoff – UoA (part time)** *2007 – 2009*
- Researched issues in criminal law, evidence, and animal welfare law
 - Helped edit Australasia’s first animal law text and a text on Canadian criminal law
 - Attended the ‘Animal Law in Australasia: A New Dialogue’ conference in Brisbane
- Summer Clerk – Chapman Tripp** *2007 – 2008*
- Worked in Resource Management and Corporate (Mergers and Acquisitions) teams
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PUBLICATIONS

- VI Tava and DAJ Tong ‘Moral Panics and Flawed Laws: Dog Control in New Zealand’ in P Sankoff, S White and C Black *Animal Law in Australasia: A New Dialogue* (2 ed, 2013, Federation, Sydney) 104
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OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Co-chair - Aotearoa NZ Human Rights Lawyers Association (www.hrla.org.nz) 2012 – current
 - Organised largest lecture at University of Auckland for over 12 months, by Rt Hon Helen Clark
 - Lead the Association’s executive team in running events and drafting submissions
 - Created referral network of solicitors to whom the Association refers public inquiries
 - Built Association to over 100 members since founding
 - Report to the Association’s advisory board (Anna Adams, Frank Godinet, Grant Ilingworth QC, Simon Mount, Rosslyn Noonan, Khylee Quince, and Rt Hon Anand Satyanand)
 - Presented a paper at the New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law conference 2009
‘Property Rights and Sustainability’ (only undergraduate presenter), UoA
 - Senior Editor, Auckland University Law Review, UoA 2008
 - Selected to represent UoA at the Chen Palmer Human Rights Moot 2007
 - Member, Equal Justice Project, UoA 2007 – 2008
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AWARDS

- Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2014
 - Inaugural Dean’s LLM Award, UoA 2013
 - Wysocki-Bates Award for Most Outstanding Contribution to Youth Involvement in the United Nations, United Nations Youth Aotearoa New Zealand (*UN Youth*) 2010
 - Senior Prize in Law, UoA 2008
 - Winner, Auckland Minter Ellison Rudd Watts Witness Examination Competition 2008
 - Semi-Finalist, Inaugural Sentencing Advocacy Competition, Ministry of Justice 2008
 - Certificate for Outstanding Service in Pro Bono Project, Equal Justice Project, UoA 2008
 - Robert Chapman Prize for Best Undergraduate Essay in Political Studies, UoA 2007
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 - University of Auckland Scholarship, UoA 2003
 - New Zealand Education and Scholarship Trust (*NZEST*) Scholarship 2003
 - Fourth in New Zealand in English and sixth in History, NZEST Examinations 2003
 - Moira Carew Award for Best Debater, Takapuna Grammar School (*TGS*) 2003
 - First in Rotary North Shore Schools’ Debating Competition (second successive year) 2003
 - Second in New Zealand in History, third in Economics, Sixth Form External Examinations 2002
 - Delamare Venture Cup for Character, King’s School 1998
 - Dux, Devonport Primary School and academic scholarship to King’s School 1996
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KEY VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Chair / Trustee - P3 Foundation (P3)** (www.p3foundation.org) 2011 – current
 - Built and maintain strategic relationships with Save the Children New Zealand, Global Poverty Project, Partners Relief and Development New Zealand, and Oxfam New Zealand
 - Co-founded charity that mobilises youth against extreme poverty with 2010 Young New Zealander of the Year, Dr Divya Dhar
 - As chair, grew the charity from 40 to over 170 volunteers over three years in which it raised over \$150,000 for development work in Burma, India, Indonesia and Tonga
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CURRICULUM VITAE – DAVID TONG

Management Committee member – Human Rights Foundation *October 2014 – current*

- Entrusted with building partnerships with other New Zealand human rights organisations

Chair / Director - New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education Ltd *2014 – current*

- Led board of company with 40 staff and 500 students to implement new 2015 business model

Fellow – Adopt a Negotiator Project (www.adoptanegotiator.org) *September 2013 – current*

- One of ten Fellows selected from over 1,200 applicants to track Warsaw climate negotiations for the Global Call for Climate Action, one of two international NGO alliances on climate change
- Selected to report from the Lima talks, one of only two Fellows to return for two years running
- Wrote the most read website article in the programme’s seven year history in 2013
- Managed communications for Fast for the Climate Movement with over 10,000 fasters worldwide

Various – United Nations Youth Aotearoa New Zealand (UN Youth) (www.unyouth.org.nz)

- Assistant Director, New Zealand delegation to the Hague International Model UN 2011 *2010 – 2011*
 - Selected, trained and led 16 high school students to represent New Zealand in the Hague
- New Zealand Vice President *2009 – 2010; 2007 – 2008*
 - Simplified and reformed UN Youth’s membership model, allowing membership to grow to 1,000
 - Led incorporated society with annual turnover of \$220,000 and which received unqualified audits
- Coordinator, New Zealand Model Security Council 2009 *2008 – 2009*
 - Gained highest delegate feedback ratings for conference of any UN Youth event at that time, and delegates rated one of the four committees, on average, at 6.8 out of 7
- Debates Officer, Asia Pacific Model UN Conference 2007 (AMUNC) *2006 – 2007*
 - Helped organise the largest Model UN conference held in New Zealand to date
 - Trained 495 delegates and 22 committee directors

CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

- Founder / Trustee, Aotearoa Youth Leadership Institute (www.ayli.org.nz) *2012 – current*
 - Co-founded Institute with 2012 Young New Zealander of the Year, Sam Johnson
 - Recruited founding executive and developed founding communications strategy
 - Sent 50 young New Zealanders to overseas conferences in 2013 and 2014, including WTO Open Forum (Geneva), UN Climate Conferences (Warsaw and Lima), Small Island Developing States Forum (Apia) and Pacific Youth and Sports Conference (New Caledonia)
- Live Below the Line, raised \$3,700 for P3 Foundation *2012 – 2013*
- Lifewise Big Sleepout, raised \$1,550 for homelessness in Auckland *2013*
- Member, New Zealand Youth Delegation to Durban UN Climate Conference *2011*
- Oxfam Trailwalker (x7), best time 19 hours 27 minutes, raised over \$20,000 *2012 – 2014; 2007 – 2010*
 - One of only ten New Zealanders to have completed seven Oxfam Trailwalkers

SPORTING ACTIVITY

- Competed in several road cycling events including 320km Taupo Enduro in 2011
- Competed in several running events, including the Auckland marathon (2011) and 5 half marathons
- Pak Mei and Shaolin Kung Fu, Chinese Martial Arts Society of New Zealand (CMASNZ) *2003 – 2006*
- Travelled to Hong Kong, Macau, and Zhuhai (China) to train with CMASNZ *2005*

REFEREES: *Available on request*
