Karen Price hid her deep involvement with the Puketoi wind farm by farming out the “visible” Puketoi legal work to David Kirkpatrick sole practitioner at Park Chambers. Kirkpatrick on 3rd February 2014 was appointed an Environment Court Judge.

Law Society News

Auckland barrister David Kirkpatrick has been appointed an Environment Court Judge and District Court Judge, to sit in Auckland.

Mr Kirkpatrick was admitted to the bar on 4 May 1984. From 1994 to 2004 he was a partner in the Local Government and Environment practice area of law firm Simpson Grierson. In that role he was the primary legal adviser to a number of Auckland local authorities.

Mr Kirkpatrick has been a barrister sole since July 2004, specialising in administrative and public law, and resource management law. He appears regularly before consent authorities, the Environment Court and the High Court. He has also appeared before the Court of Appeal, the Privy Council, and the Supreme Court.

Judge Kirkpatrick will be sworn in on 3 February 2014 in Auckland.


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Basic facts about the department
- 4 partners
- 2 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for An environment and resource management boutique with notable expertise in the climate change arena. Well respected for extensive experience in infrastructure and industrial projects.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)
"The service is excellent, affordable and proactive."
"They punch above their weight."


Notable practitioners
Karen Price is well versed in the areas of climate change and infrastructure, with over 20 years of experience under her belt. She is widely known in the market for her aptitude in contentious environmental matters.
**Jason Welsh** specialises in development proposals and infrastructure projects and is highly regarded in the energy sphere. He was recently involved in preparing submissions for the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan.

**Chris Simmons** specialises in resource consenting and is acclaimed by sources for his client service. One in particular notes that he is "knowledgeable and reliable," and appreciates that he "takes time to explain things to us and how they work, so that we understand."

**Significant clients** Refining NZ, Auckland Council, Environmental Protection Authority, SCA Hygiene Australasia, Two Degrees Mobile.

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Puketoi Wind Farm

ChanceryGreen acts for Mighty River Power in respect of its Puketoi Wind Farm, which consists of up to 53 wind turbines located in the Puketoi Ranges, near Palmerston North. Resource consent was granted by a joint council hearing panel in June 2012, and appeals in respect of that decision are currently before the Environment Court.

The Puketoi site was selected in particular for its outstanding wind resource, and its proximity to existing infrastructure, including Mighty River Power's first consented wind farm at Turitea.

Once constructed, the Puketoi Wind Farm will have an installed capacity of between 159 and 326 MW, depending on turbine selection. It will generate up to 1,272 GW per year, which is sufficient electricity for 160,000 homes.