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### **Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Palmer QC: Collected Addresses Part IX: The Judiciary**

The Palmer Addresses is a collection of speeches and lectures delivered by the Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Palmer QC, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Distinguished Fellow of the Victoria University of Wellington Law Faculty. The series is sponsored by an anonymous donor whom the Faculty gratefully acknowledges.

### **Inaugural Lecture of Joel Colón-Ríos**

Joel's inaugural lecture as Professor of Law at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington will take place in GBLT1 on Wednesday 6 July, 6pm–7pm. Read more about Professor Colón-Ríos's lecture topic, and register your attendance [using this link](#).

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## "The Constitutional Relationship between Judiciary and Government"

*Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 40/2022*

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An address to the Judicial Standards: Contemporary Constraints on Judges Conference on 21–23 September 2000. The address explains the constitutional relationship between the judiciary and government, with reference to the principle of mutual restraint, the importance of judicial independence and the nature of communications between the two branches. It is proposed that a protocol be issued to provide guidance both to judges and members of the government's executive branch as to their conduct.

## "Submission to the Justice and Law Reform Committee on the Supreme Court Bill"

*Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 41/2022*

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A submission to the Justice and Law Reform Committee on the 2003 Supreme Court Bill. It is submitted that the establishment of a domestic final appellate court in New Zealand is overdue and desirable. The submission evaluates the performance of the Privy Council, arguing that the Committee's capacity to make accurate judgments about New Zealand statutes is weak, on account of its being unfamiliar with New Zealand's society, people, customs and system of government. The submission contends that a domestic final appellate court would assist in the robust development and clarification of New Zealand's laws.

## "Communicating with the Public"

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An address to the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal/High Court Judges' and Masters' Conference on 26 March 2004. The address discusses the nature of judicial communication with the public, with particular reference to the constitutional position of judges, the need to ensure that the New Zealand Supreme Court is viewed as a worthy replacement for the Privy Council and the gaps in journalists' understanding of the law.

## "Shaking the Cage"

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An address to the Higher Courts Update on 16 October 2014. The address advocates for the entrenchment of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as superior law. It provides an examination of New Zealand's unique constitutional structure and highlights the need for greater judicial scrutiny of Bill of Rights issues.

## "The Judicial Power"

*Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 44/2022*

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An address to the Annual Conference of Judges' Clerks, delivered on 31 March 2017. The address canvasses New Zealand's constitutional history, Sir Geoffrey Palmer and Dr Andrew Butler's *A Constitution for Aotearoa New Zealand* project and why judges should be entrusted with further responsibilities.

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Alumni include Sir Robin Cooke (1926-2006), one of the leading judges of the British Commonwealth. As Baron Cooke of Thorndon, he sat on over 100 appeals to the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords, one of very few Commonwealth judges ever appointed to do so.

Since 1996 the Law School has occupied the Old Government Building in central Wellington. Designed by William Clayton and opened in 1876 to house New Zealand's then civil service, the building is a particularly fine example of Italianate neo-Renaissance style. Unusually among large colonial official buildings of the time it is constructed of wood, apart from chimneys and vaults.

The School is close to New Zealand's Parliament, courts, and the headquarters of government departments. Throughout Victoria's history, our law teachers have contributed actively to policy formation and to law reform. As a result, in addition to many scholarly articles and books, the Victoria SSRN pages include a number of official reports.

Victoria graduates approximately 230 LLB and LLB(Hons) students each year, and about 60 LLM students. The faculty has an increasing number of doctoral students. Ordinarily there are ten to twelve students engaged in PhD research.

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