



Nicole Buxeda

Professional Qualifications

LLB University of Canterbury

BA University of Canterbury

LLM in International Law with first class honours University of Auckland

Key Areas of Experience

Resource Management and Environmental law

Public and Local Government law



During university Nicole worked on the family farm (poultry, beef, lamb production) and had roles in in-house and corporate law teams. Accordingly she has experienced a broad range of work types, topics, and situations. Nicole was admitted to the bar in April 2016 following completion of her Masters of Laws at the University of Auckland.

Since joining Holm Majurey in 2016 Nicole has been involved in a range of issues across the spectrum of the firm's clients including:

- For the IMSB in relation to the appeal to the High Court against the Auckland Council decision on the Unitary Plan;
- For Horticulture NZ providing advice on a range of issues concerning plan and policy issues around the country, including in relation to the Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers Water Conservation Order;
- For private developers (including aged care facilities and churches) seeking resource consents for their proposals;
- For private interests opposing resource consents, or seeking alterations to proposed resource consent conditions;
- Appearing as lead counsel in a Council hearing for neighbours opposing a chicken farm expansion, and as sole counsel in a Council hearing for a group opposing a doggy daycare development;
- Appearing on behalf of iwi clients before the Environment Court on administrative matters and in mediation proceedings relating to a designation process;
- Assisting a wide range of clients in developing submissions on plan changes;
- Assisting with a range of agricultural interests and queries, and representing agricultural group interests before governmental agencies and Courts;



- Advising local government on a range of process, procedure, liabilities, and substantive legal questions;
- Representing iwi interests in collaboration with government agencies on infrastructure projects; and
- Involvement with a range of iwi clients on issues ranging from consultation requirements, resource consent matters, Marine and Coastal Area Act applications and process, and general advice.

Nicole regularly assists in the preparation of evidence and submissions (for both Council and Court hearings), and has assisted other members of the team in preparing and updating textbook contribution chapters, and in researching and drafting legal and technical journal articles. Nicole has appeared as a junior in the Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court, Environment Court and at the council hearings level, and has appeared as sole counsel in council hearings and before the Environment Court.

Nicole has completed Te Kāhano Maori Language One at the Auckland University of Technology, and has participated in the Auckland Women Lawyers' Association mentoring programme.