



**Hamish Fletcher**

**President**

**Australia and New Zealand Maritime Law Association (MLAANZ)**

Hamish Fletcher is recognised in New Zealand as one of the leading specialist maritime lawyers.

Hamish commenced practice as a Lawyer in 1988 and started practicing Maritime law in 1994.

He is a Partner/Owner in both Oceanlaw New Zealand, New Zealand's leading Maritime and Fisheries Law Firm and Hamish.Fletcher Lawyers a General Practice covering four generations of Fletchers over 90 years spanning Hamish's Grandfather, Father, Hamish and his Son.

## Maritime / Admiralty Law

Hamish is the current President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand. Previously Chair of the New Zealand Branch of MLAANZ and Vice President of MLAANZ for 6 years. A member of MLAANZ since 1994.

In the role as President of MLAANZ Hamish and his board works closely with Government regulators in the Maritime environment to assist and improve government interaction with Maritime stakeholders and to provide comment on and consultation on law making in both Australia and New Zealand.

In respect of maritime law Hamish represented New Zealand's largest fishing vessel insurer for over 25 years and on occasions foreign insurers.

Hamish has a wide range of contacts with salvors, marine assessors, and marine and fisheries consultants.

During this time Hamish has successfully represented many New Zealand vessel owners (and their insurer) in claims against other vessel owners, ship repairers, and manufacturers.

Investigating some of New Zealand's most significant maritime disasters for insurer and owner clients has allowed Hamish to build up unprecedented experience in the Maritime legal industry – including developing excellent relationships with investigative bodies including Maritime New Zealand, TAIC and the Police. Close professional relationships exist with other leading maritime Lawyers in New Zealand (and internationally) and their insurer clients.

Hamish advises on all admiralty issues ranging from ship arrests to large maritime civil claims

## Fisheries Law

Since 1994 Hamish Fletcher has acted in defending many of New Zealand's largest high-profile Fisheries Investigations and Prosecutions with highly successful results. During this time, he has maintained an excellent working relationship with the Ministry of Primary Industries (formerly Ministry of Fisheries).

Hamish and his firm have also represented many of New Zealand's leading fishing companies, including a particular focus on acting for Iwi-owned fishing companies and their associated entities.

International clients have included many foreign fishing operators in New Zealand and both foreign and New Zealand-owned vessel operators in the Pacific Islands and Australian waters.

## Commercial Law

As an experienced commercial lawyer Hamish brings a unique combination of commercial experience to the table that enables fisheries and maritime clients to have their commercial work undertaken by someone who also understands fisheries and maritime law. Hamish regularly advises on Mergers and Acquisitions, asset protection, vessel sale and purchases, charter parties, Quota sale and purchases, ACE agreements, marine farm sale & purchase and their leases, and banking and finance security documents.

## Personal

Hamish has been married for 36 years to Dinz Fletcher (Ngati Kahungunu) General Manager of Hamish.Fletcher Lawyers and they have two adult children: Jack Fletcher (Ngati Kahungunu) a lawyer, and Marian Clement (Ngati Kahungunu) a Political

Scientist/Criminologist. Hamish is a board member of Autism New Zealand and recently completed two years as on the New Zealand Law Society Council (Governing body and regulator of lawyers in New Zealand). His pastimes include Golf, walking the hills of Nelson and Marlborough Sounds, paddle boarding and he is also a devout Liverpool FC fan.