



Simpson Grierson

Issues in Education?

Our legal experts
are able to help



WHERE WE CAN HELP YOU

The education sector presents its own unique challenges. Our team has worked extensively in the education sector from primary through to tertiary, and has the expertise to deal with those challenges.



Governance – we can reduce cost for Boards of Trustees by establishing correct procedures at the outset and advise on on-going decision making.



Bullying – we can assist with drafting policies to deal with bullying, and how to manage responses to bullying complaints.



Privacy – our experts can help you carry out a health check of your privacy compliance and systems.



Risk management – we can help you develop procedures to avoid and manage liabilities.



Employment – our employment lawyers can assist with drafting employment agreements, investigations of complaints, disciplinary processes and personal grievance claims. We also are experts on the Holidays Act and wage arrears issues.



Health and Safety – we have a number of schools using SchoolSafe, our online specialist health and safety management system designed for primary and secondary schools.



Investigations – we advise on and conduct investigations into a range of student and staff allegations.



Student discipline and claims – we frequently provide advice on processes and procedures. We can represent you where student discipline is challenged including up to judicial review litigation.

WHO CAN HELP



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Shan is a partner in the employment law group based in Auckland. Shan is also an experienced advisor for schools on education law issues. Her knowledge and experience in the sector ranges from advising on governance issues to student discipline matters. Shan sits on the boards of both a primary and secondary school.



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Sally leads the firm's Wellington-based government and public law practice. She has a unique understanding of public decision-making in the education sector and in the past has been an advisor to the Minister of Education. She is an expert in privacy law.



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Helen is a partner in the commercial litigation group based in Christchurch with a strong practice in insurance and property disputes. She is a trained negotiator with extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution.



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With 25 years working in health and safety, Terry is one of New Zealand's most experienced and highly regarded health and safety specialists. He is a passionate advocate for improving the country's safety record.

Examples of our work:

- Advising schools on enrolment disputes and recovery of outstanding fees
- Assisting schools with search and retention (in relation to students and their property)
- Advising an independent school on the acquisition of tablet computers, including support and maintenance arrangements
- Advising an educational residence on bullying and sexual harassment allegations and investigations
- Leading health & safety investigations for serious or notifiable events



PLEASE BE IN TOUCH: if there are any issues that you would like to discuss in person we would be very happy to meet with you.

Contact a member of our team: Rachael Judge (Auckland) on 09 977 5446 or rachael.judge@simpsongrierson.com or Charlotte Doyle (Wellington) on 04 924 3441 or charlotte.doyle@simpsongrierson.com

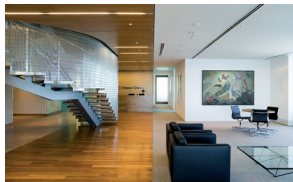
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You can have real confidence working with us.

Simpson Grierson is one of New Zealand's leading law firms, with a team of over 300 across the country including lawyers and consultants.

We have a great track record working with many of New Zealand's leading public and private sector organisations.

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