

Professional Qualifications

BCom Auckland (Commercial Law/Economics)

LLB Waikato (Commercial/Māori Law)

Making Good Decisions Accredited Commissioner

Key Areas of Professional Experience

Environmental and Resource Management

Public, Local Government and Māori Law

In-house Counsel

Corporate and Commercial

Policy and Procedures

Leadership and management of project teams



Current Role

Director Atkins Holm Majurey

As a director at Atkins Holm Majurey I lead project teams for new developments. This involves managing technical experts from a wide range of disciplines in order to present a coherent and co-ordinated case to support the grant of consent through Council hearings and the Environment and appellate courts.

I mentor the legal staff at our firm to grow their capabilities. This often involves reviewing their work to ensure any advice or service accurately responds to the issue, is practical, is provided in a user friendly format, and ultimately is of value for the client.

I oversee the production and updating of all of the firm's human resource and health and safety policies as well as the firm's legal templates and precedents. I also oversee the production of the firm newsletter.

I have advised local authorities on designations, plan, policy and strategic issues and represented both them and represented people with an interest in these matters to effectively participate. I have also advised on, and participated in due diligence, public works, leasing and Māori law processes. I have drafted and reviewed a wide variety of legal documents including consent conditions, relationship agreements, side agreements, development agreements and board reports.

I co-authored the Off-Shore Petroleum Health Safety and Environmental Legislation Review Report for the Ministry for the Environment in 2011; and in 2009 I co-authored the Māori Values Supplement to the Making Good Decisions Commissioners Training Programme for the Ministry of the Environment.

VICKI MORRISON-SHAW

I have regularly presented on changes to environmental and local government legislation. I also co-presented a series of nationwide seminars in 2010 – 2011 on Māori values for the New Zealand Planning Institute, Ministry for the Environment and Te Puni Kōkiri.

Previous Roles

DLA Phillips Fox – Solicitor (2008 – 2009)

Landco Land Development – In-house Legal Counsel (2004 – 2008)

Indigenous Corporate Solutions – Development Manager (2003 – 2004)

Franklin District Council – Research and Policy Officer Legal (2001 – 2003), and Researcher (1999 – 2001)

In these roles I provided a wide range of legal advice and services across a variety of different sectors. The in-house roles for Franklin District Council and Landco Land Development involved the establishment of the in-house legal function and management of external legal counsel. It also involved training for staff on legal obligations and advising on all legal issues that arose including employment, contracts, conveyancing, human resources, company resolutions, finance, tax, Māori as well as land development and environmental issues.

Voluntary Leadership Roles

Governance Board Member, Womens Centre Rodney – October 2017 to present

Founder and Volunteer, Warkworth Free Legal Clinic - February 2018 to present

Environmental Law Committee Member - New Zealand Law Society – September 2015 to present

Mentor in Auckland University Womens Mentoring Scheme – 2016, 2017, and 2019

SheEO Activator – November 2017 to 2019

Professional Memberships

New Zealand Law Society

Resource Management Law Association of New Zealand Inc

Northern Club

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