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Paul is a barrister with an extensive civil and commercial litigation practice. He has been at the independent Bar since April 2006. Prior to that he practised as a barrister and solicitor in Auckland in both the criminal and common law jurisdictions, followed by an appointment as a senior crown prosecutor in Hong Kong, and then 19 years as senior litigation partner at Grove Darlow & Partners.



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Philip is a barrister at Bankside Chambers with over 20 years experience in civil litigation. He was a co-author of the NZ Bar Association's submission to the Rules Committee on its proposal to introduce Class Action Procedures into the High Court Rules and he has experience and knowledge of how litigation funders operate within the New Zealand and Australian markets.

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