



WORLD BAR CONFERENCE 2014 ADVOCATES AS PROTECTORS OF THE RULE OF LAW







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Every two years, the International Council of Advocates and Barristers (ICAB) organises an international legal conference in different cities worldwide. After highly successful conferences in Sydney in 2010 and London in 2012, the next event will be in Queenstown, New Zealand on 4 - 6 September 2014. This is the only conference which brings all members of ICAB and guest jurisdictions together for three days of debate and discussion.

Advocates as Protectors of the Rule of Law

The theme for this year's conference is 'Advocates as Protectors of the Rule of Law'. Throughout the three days, sessions and discussions will focus on the provision of quality advocacy and provide an opportunity for serious debate about international issues directly concerning the legal professions around the globe.

The conference will bring together speakers and delegates who can showcase all that is best about the international Referral Bars, and the qualities adopted to ensure their survival and success.



Key Topics

- Barbarians at the gate: challenges of globalisation to the rule of law
- The role of the advocate in protecting human rights and the rule of law
- Rule of law and national security concerns whither human rights?
- War is not the answer: the ever present threat to the rule of law
- International investment treaties: balancing national sovereignty and investor protection
- Surveillance versus privacy: the balance between the State, the Fourth Estate, the citizen and the rule of law
- The values and function of a specialist advocate
- Advocacy challenges in the 21st century



What is ICAB?

ICAB is an organisation formed by the Bar Associations in jurisdictions where there is an independent Referral Bar.

Current ICAB Office Bearers

Stephen Hockman QC, Co-Chair (United Kingdom) Miriam Dean CNZM QC, Co-Chair (New Zealand)

Members of ICAB

- The Australian Bar Association
- The Bar Council of Ireland
- The Faculty of Advocates (Scotland)
- The General Council of the Bar of England and Wales
- The General Council of the Bar of Northern Ireland
- The General Council of the Bar of South Africa
- The Hong Kong Bar Association
- The New Zealand Bar Association
- The Society of Advocates of Namibia
- The Law Society of Zimbabwe



Guest Jurisdictions

- Bahamas Bar
- Barbados Bar
- Bombay Bar Association
- Delhi Bar Association
- General Council of the Bar of Gibraltar
- Guernsey Bar
- Bar Association of India
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Bar Council of India
- Jamaica Bar
- Jersey Law Society
- Bar Library, Kolkata
- Malaysian Bar
- Mauritius Bar Association
- Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago

Keynote Speakers



The Hon the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon graduated with Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 1986 and later obtained a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School in 1991. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1987 and as an Attorney and Counsellor-at-law of the Bar of the State of New York in 1992. He was appointed Senior Counsel in January 2008.

As a private practitioner, he was recognised as one of the leading lawyers in the fields of commercial litigation and arbitration, insolvency and construction law, in Singapore and abroad.

Chief Justice Menon has also served as the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and has represented Singapore at the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration.

From April 2006 to March 2007, he served as a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court. He was appointed as the Attorney-General of Singapore in 2010, a position which he relinquished in 2012 when he was appointed as a Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court. In late 2012 he was appointed as the Chief Justice of Singapore.





The Rt Hon Lord Dyson
Master of the Rolls
(United Kingdom)

The Right Honourable Lord Dyson was called to the bar (Middle Temple) in 1968 and was made a bencher for the Middle Temple in 1990. He was appointed as a Queen's Counsel in 1980, and his first judicial appointment was as a Recorder which he held between 1986 and 1993. He was appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Justice between 1993 and 2001 and was the Presiding Judge for the Technology and Construction Court between 1998 and 2001.

In 2001 he was appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal and in 2010 was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court. He was the second Justice to be appointed to that court directly. Lord Dyson was appointed as Master of the Rolls, the second most senior judicial position in England and Wales, after the Lord Chief Justice, in 2012.

The Honourable Justice

Margaret Beazley AO

(Australia)

The Honourable Justice Margaret Beazley AO attended the Sydney Law School graduating with Honours in Law in 1974 and was admitted to the New South Wales Bar on 14 March 1975. She was appointed a Queens Counsel in 1989. In 1993, her Honour was appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia. In 1996 she was the first woman appointed to the New South Wales Court of Appeal and in March 2013 was appointed President of the Court of Appeal. She is Chairperson of the NSW Chapter of the Australian Institute of Administrative Law, Patron of the Toongabbie Legal Centre and President of the Arts Law Centre of Australia. Her Honour was made an Officer in the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2006 for service to the judiciary and the law, particularly through contributions to professional and ethical standards and to the advancement of women in the legal profession and the community. In May 2008, her Honour was awarded Doctor of Laws honoris causa (Hon LLD) by the University of Sydney.



Speakers



Sir David Baragwanath (New Zealand)

Sir David Baragwanath KNZM QC was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1983 and is a former president of the New Zealand Law Commission. He has sat as a judge of the New Zealand High Court and Court of Appeal and is a New Zealand member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. He has also been a member of the Court of Appeal of Samoa.

Sir David Baragwanath joined to the United Nations Special Tribunal for Lebanon in 2009 and became elected President of the Tribunal in 2011. He is an overseas bencher of the Inner Temple in London.





Julian Burnside AO QC (Australia)

Julian Burnside AO QC is an Australian barrister, human rights and refugee advocate, and author. He joined the Bar in 1976 and took Silk in 1989. He practises principally in commercial litigation, trade practices and administrative law. He is known for his staunch opposition to the mandatory detention of asylum seekers, and has provided legal counsel in a wide variety of high-profile cases.

He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2009, for service as a human rights advocate, particularly for refugees and asylum seekers, to the arts as a patron and fundraiser, and to the law.





Sir David Carruthers KNZM practised law for twenty years before being appointed as a Family Court Judge in 1985. In 1990 he became a judge in the Youth Court, eventually being appointed as Principal Youth Court Judge. In 2001 he was appointed as Chief District Court Judge, a position he held until 2005, when he was appointed as the chairman of the New Zealand Parole Board. In 2012, he joined the Independent Police Conduct Authority as its chairman.





The Hon. Mr. Justice Frank Clarke (Ireland) Hon Mr Justice Frank Clarke practised at the Bar from 1973 until his appointment to the High Court in November 2004. He had become a senior counsel in 1985.

While at the Bar Mr. Justice Clarke served for many years and was a member of the Council of the International Bar Association from 1997 to 2004, serving as co-Chair of the Forum for Barristers and Advocates (the international representative body for the independent referral bars) from 1998 to 2002.

Mr. Justice Clarke was a professor at King's Inns from 1978 to 1985 and has been Judge in Residence at Griffith College Dublin from 2010 to date. Mr. Justice Clarke was appointed Adjunct Professor in the Law School in Trinity College, Dublin in September 2012.

While a judge of the High Court, Mr. Justice Clarke was mainly assigned to the Commercial List of the High Court although also involved as the judge presiding over the establishment of a Chancery and Non-Jury List for the first time in Cork. Mr. Justice Clarke was appointed to the Supreme Court in March 2012.

Russell Coleman SC (Hong Kong)

Russell Coleman SC was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in 1986 of which Inn he is now a Bencher. He moved to live and work in Hong Kong in 1990, and was admitted to full practice at the Hong Kong Bar in 1991. He practises in the areas of civil and commercial law and took Silk in 2006.

Russell Coleman is a Chartered Arbitrator, is a past President of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and is a Council Member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He sits as a Deputy High Court Judge, is a CEDR Accredited Mediator and was the Chairman of the Bar Council of the Hong Kong Bar Association in 2009 and 2010. He is currently the Chairman of the Hong Kong Advocacy Training Council.





Gillian Coumbe QC

Gillian Coumbe QC began practice as a barrister sole in 1993. Before that she was with Russell McVeagh. She was appointed a Queen's Counsel in May 2013. In addition to her principal specialty in public law, her civil and commercial litigation practice includes competition and trade practices, regulatory law, equity and trusts, contract and torts. She has appeared in a diverse range of test cases including, for example, barristers' immunity, the test for taking advantage of substantial market power, and whether prisoners have a right to smoke in their cells.





Kate Davenport QC was admitted to the Bar in 1983 and became a Barrister sole in 1990. She took Silk in 2013 and in the same year was awarded NZ Lawyer Barrister of the Year. She is a civil and commercial litigator and qualified mediator practising primarily in civil and commercial litigation.

Kate Davenport has a special interest in professional regulation and is deputy chair of Real Estate Agents Disciplinary Tribunal. She was for 9 years Deputy Chair of the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal and is a member of the prosecution panel for the New Zealand Law Society. She is a former Vice President of the New Zealand Law Society and the New Zealand Bar Association.





Miriam Dean CNZM QC was the first woman partner at Russell McVeagh McKenzie Bartlett in 1987, before going out as a barrister sole in 1995. She was made Queen's Counsel in 2004 where her practice focused on commercial and competition law, arbitration and mediation. She was appointed the first woman president of the New Zealand Bar Association in 2010 and is currently Co-Chair of the International Council of Advocates and Barristers.

She was a member of the Government's Electricity Review, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Auckland Transition Authority before being appointed a company director of Auckland Council Investments Limited, one of the Auckland Council controlled organisations managing the Council's investments portfolio. She is currently Chair of New Zealand On Air and a trustee of the New Zealand Royal Ballet Board. She is also a director of Crown Fibre Holdings, the New Zealand Government's investment vehicle responsible for managing the introduction of ultra-fast broadband to urban areas.





The Right Honourable Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias studied law at the University of Auckland, graduating with LLB (Hons), and was admitted to the Bar in 1970. She gained a JSM from Stanford University in the United States, before entering legal practice from 1972 in Auckland. Dame Sian served as a Law Commissioner from 1986 until 1990. She was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1988 and a judge of the High Court in 1995. Justice Elias became Chief Justice in 1999, and was awarded the GNZM the same year. Dame Sian became a member of the Supreme Court on its establishment in January 2004.





The Hon Christopher Finlayson QC was admitted to the Bar in 1981 and practised as a barrister and solicitor for 25 years and from 2002 as a barrister sole.

Before entering Parliament, he represented clients in all of New Zealand's Courts and Tribunals, including nine appearances in the Privy Council. For many years he maintained his links to academic life through part-time teaching at Victoria University's Law Faculty. He continues to sit on the Rules Committee of the High Court, which regulates court procedures in New Zealand.

He entered Parliament in 2005 as a National Party Member of Parliament and assumed his current roles as Attorney-General for New Zealand, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations after the 2008 election.



Stephen Hockman QC (United Kingdom)



Stephen Hockman QC has a Master of Arts degree from Cambridge and was called to the Bar in 1970. He has practised throughout from Six Pump Court, Temple, specialising predominantly in environmental and health and safety law, and has been the Head of his Chambers since 1996. He was Chairman of the Bar of England and Wales in 2006, and will be Treasurer (non-executive Chair) of his Inn of Court, Middle Temple, in 2015. He is currently Co-Chair of the International Council of Advocates and Barristers.





Dr Claire Hogan (Ireland) Dr Claire Hogan is a junior barrister practising in Ireland in the area of general civil and commercial law.

She graduated from Trinity College Dublin with a degree in Law and French, having been elected a Scholar of the College, and she also holds the degree of LL.M. (commercial) from the University of Cambridge, for which she was awarded a Cambridge University European Trust Scholarship. She completed her Ph.D. in the area of Constitutional Law. She is also a John Brooke Scholar of the Honorable Society of King's Inns.

Dr Hogan has lectured in Griffith College Dublin in Constitutional and Competition Law. She recently joined the King's Inns to lecture Civil Procedure on the Barrister-at-Law Degree Programme.





Imrana Jalal (Philippines)

Imrana Jalal is a lawyer in both public and private practice, and was formerly a Commissioner of the first Fiji Human Rights Commission.

She is the author of Law for Pacific Women, and an architect of the Family Law Act 2003, which removed formal legal discrimination against women in Fiji. Imrana Jalal is a founding member of the Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team, which in 1998 received the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for its work in women's rights. She has also served as a barrister and solicitor in the Attorney General's Office of Fiji, as Public Legal Advisor and as an advisor to many United Nations agencies.

Imrana Jalal is an active Commissioner on the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists and continues to sit on its executive board. She is currently a Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender) at a development bank.





The Hon Mr Justice Robert Jay (United Kingdom)

Mr Justice Robert Jay has been a Justice of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court, sitting in England and Wales, since June 2013. His work covers the whole range of criminal and civil law, in particular judicial review. Before that, he practised as a barrister at 39 Essex Street in London for 31 years, specialising in public law, multi-party actions and regulatory law. He acted for the Crown in a number of torture and national security cases, and as a Special Advocate in 'closed' proceedings involving alleged terrorists.

Robert Jay QC, as he was then, is perhaps best known for being Counsel to the Leveson Inquiry into the culture, practices and ethics of the British press. The proceedings of the Leveson Inquiry were televised and 'live streamed' on the internet, and were reported and remarked upon throughout the English-speaking world.





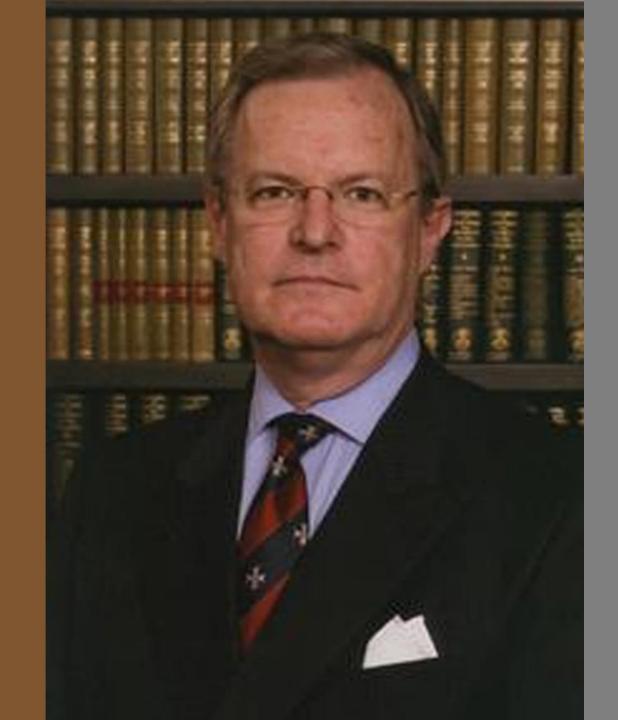
Chief Judge Alex Kozinski graduated from the UCLA School of Law receiving a J.D. degree in 1975. He clerked for future Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy on the Ninth Circuit from 1975 to 1976, and then for Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger from 1976 to 1977. From June 1981 to August 1982, Chief Judge Kozinski served as the first U.S. Special Counsel appointed by President Ronald Reagan.

In 1982, he was appointed chief judge at the newly formed United States Court of Federal Claims. In 1985, at the age of 35, he was appointed to a new seat at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Reagan, making him the youngest federal appeals court judge at the time of appointment.

He has served as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since November 2007. In addition to his judicial duties, Chief Judge Kozinski is an essayist and a judicial commentator.



The Hon Justice Glenn Martin AM (Australia)



The Hon. Mr. Justice Glenn Martin was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1979 and commenced practice at the bar in Brisbane, taking Silk in 1998.

Justice Martin served as honorary secretary (1989-93), vice-president (2001-03), treasurer (2003-05) and president (2003-05) of the Bar Association of Queensland and was appointed a life member in 2011. He also served as vice-president (2005-06) and president (2006-07) of the Australian Bar Association and was appointed a life member in 2007. Justice Martin was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2007.





Julian Miles QC was a litigation partner at Bell Gully Buddle Weir from 1970 to 1990. He began practice as barrister sole in 1990 and took Silk in 1991. He has been President of the Auckland Medico-Legal Society and is a former President of the New Zealand Bar Association. His areas of practice include general commercial litigation, information technology law, intellectual property law and defamation and media law.





Beatrice Mtetwa is a Zimbabwean lawyer who has been internationally recognized for her defence of journalists and press freedom. The New York Times described her in 2008 as "Zimbabwe's top human rights lawyer".

Mrs Mtetwa received her LLB from the University of Botswana and Swaziland in 1981 and spent the next two years working as a prosecuting attorney in Swaziland. In 1983, she moved to Zimbabwe, where she continued working as a prosecutor until 1989. That year, she went into private practice, and soon began specialising in human rights law.

In 2005, she won the International Press Freedom Award of the Committee to Protect Journalists. She also won the group's Burton Benjamin Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2008.

In 2009, the European Bar Human Rights Institute awarded her the Ludovic-Trarieux International Human Rights Prize reserved each year to a lawyer who throughout his or her career has illustrated, by activity or suffering, the defence of human rights in the world. She also won the 2010 International Human Rights award of the American Bar Association. In 2011, she was awarded the Inamori Ethics Prize by Case Western Reserve University in the United States and in 2014 she was a recipient of the International Women of Courage Award.





Tetyana Nesterchuk (BA (Oxon), BCL) is a native Ukrainian who began her legal career in 2006 as a solicitor at Slaughter and May where she spent four years. She then worked as judicial assistant in the UK Supreme Court assisting Lords Rodger, Brown and Collins, before joining Fountain Court Chambers in 2011 as a self-employed barrister.

Ms Nesterchuk has a predominantly international commercial law practice with an additional niche specialisation in regulatory law. She is regularly instructed by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority and the Bar Standards Board (solicitors' and barristers' regulators in England and Wales). She also teaches as a weekend lecturer in Trusts at Oxford University and gives lectures on English law to practitioners in England, Russia and Ukraine.





David Nolan SC was called to The Bar in 1985. As a Junior Counsel he practised primarily in the area of Personal Injury, Insurance and Non- Jury work in both the Circuit and High Courts appearing for the Defence in many of the leading cases.

In 2003 he took Silk and over the last decade has specialised in Medical Negligence, Personal Injury, Non Jury and Commercial work and has also acted for the State in Judicial Review matters in the Supreme Court of Ireland.

Mr Nolan was elected to The Bar Council in 2005, was elected Vice Chairman in 2009 and Honorary Secretary in 2010. He is the current Chairman of The Bar Council of Ireland and a Council Member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and the European Bar Association (CCBE).

In November of 2013 he was called to The Bar of England and Wales and in December of 2013 was elected a Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Kings Inns. David Nolan is in the International Who's Who of Commercial Mediation 2012 and 2013.





Dr Matthew S R Palmer QC specialises in constitutional and public law. He has argued cases in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, the High Court and the Employment Court and appears in the Waitangi Tribunal.

Dr Palmer was called to the Inner Bar in 2014, having gone to the bar in 2012. Before that, he was Deputy Solicitor-General (Public Law). He is also a former Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean of Law, and Director of the New Zealand Centre for Public Law at Victoria University of Wellington. Prior to that he was Deputy Secretary for Justice (Public Law) in the Ministry of Justice and a Manager and Senior Economic and Financial Analyst in the Treasury.

Dr Palmer has a JSD and LLM from Yale Law School, a LLB (Hons) (1st class) from Victoria University of Wellington, and a BA in Economics and Political Science from the University of Canterbury and has written a variety of books, articles and chapters in public law and law and economics issues.



Paul Shieh SC (Hong Kong)



Paul Shieh SC obtained a first law degree at the University of Cambridge (Queen's College, 1984-1987) and was awarded a postgraduate degree at the University of Oxford (Worcester College, 1988-1989). He was admitted to the Bar in 1988 and appointed Senior Counsel in 2003. He was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association (2007-2009, 2011-2012) and Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association in 2013. Mr Shieh was a member of the Law Reform Commission (2006-2012).

He is currently the chairman of the Occupational Retirement Schemes Appeal Board and the deputy chairman of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Appeal Board.





Matthew Smith is a barrister at Thorndon Chambers in Wellington. His main area of practice is civil and commercial litigation, with a particular focus on public law. In that field he has special expertise in judicial review, and he does a variety of work in this area for individuals, entities of many kinds, public sector bodies, industry groups and NGOs.

Mr Smith holds LLB (First Class Hons.) and BA (Political Studies) degrees from Otago University and an LLM from Harvard Law School, where he was a Frank Knox Fellow. He is also the author of the *New Zealand Judicial Review Handbook* (Thomson Reuters: 2011) – a comprehensive text on the law and practice of judicial review in New Zealand.





Joe Smouha QC is based at Essex Court Chambers and has a commercial practice with a particular emphasis on appearances in international arbitration, the Commercial Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and Privy Council.

After Magdalene College, Cambridge, he received his Masters degree from NYU. He was called to the Bar in 1986 and was a Harmsworth Exhibitioner and Jules Thorn Scholar. He took Silk in 2003.

He is regularly appointed as arbitrator. In the commercial law field he acts for major international corporate clients in all sectors (particularly the financial, energy, insurance and reinsurance, film, television, music, art and advertising sectors). He also acts for many governments and government-related organisations. He has appeared in arbitrations in many jurisdictions outside England and has appeared in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, and the High Court of the British Virgin Islands.





Hon Justice Julie Ward (Australia) Justice Julie Ward studied arts/law at the University of Sydney, graduating in law in 1982 with First Class Honours and the University Medal. Her Honour was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in 1982.

Following graduation, Justice Ward worked for a year as the associate to Sir Nigel Bowen, the first Chief Justice of the Federal Court. Justice Ward worked for Stephen Jaques Stone James (now King & Wood Mallesons) for two years, then completed a BCL with first class honours at Oxford University, having won a post-graduate scholarship from Sydney University.

Justice Ward was made a partner of Mallesons in 1988. At that time she was the youngest female partner to be appointed at that firm. Her Honour was appointed to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in September 2008. She was the first female solicitor directly appointed to the Supreme Court bench. She sat in the Equity Division of the Court, until her appointment to the Court of Appeal in November 2012.





(New Zealand)

Justice Joseph Williams graduated LLB from Victoria University in 1986 and LLM (Hons.) in 1988 from the University of British Columbia. He was admitted to the Bar in 1988 and employed by Kensington Swan, Auckland in 1988, becoming a partner in 1992. He was a partner in the firm of Walters Williams from 1994 until 1999 before being appointed Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court in December 1999. Justice Williams has also held academic positions. He was appointed a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand in 2008.



Social Functions

Conference delegates and accompanying partners are welcome to attend all social functions.

Welcome Drinks Function

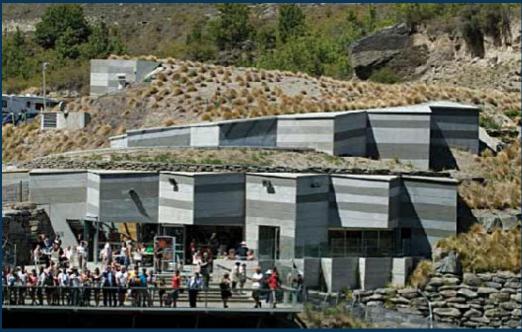
Heritage Hotel

The opening day of the conference will finish with an opportunity to meet other conference delegates and partners in the relaxed setting of Mackenzies Restaurant at the Heritage Hotel.



Conference Dinner (optional)

Kawarau Bridge Bungy Centre Stylishly nestled into the rock face above the magnificent Kawarau Gorge, the Kawarau Bungy Centre stands out as Queenstown's most unique dinner venue, located next to the home of the world's first and most famous of bungy jumps, from the Kawarau Bridge, 43m above the Kawarau River. Expert bungy jumpers will be on hand to demonstrate various bungy jumping styles.

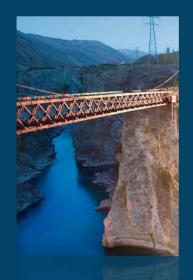


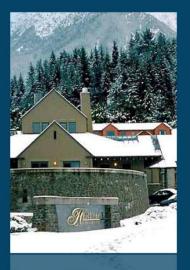


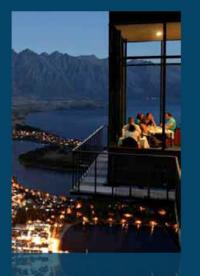
Gala Dinner Skyline Restaurant

Skyline Restaurant
Skyline Restaurant is located on Bob's Peak, offers
Queenstown's most spectacular lake and mountain
views and is accessed by a 5 minute gondola ride.











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