



## Haigh Lyon Legal Seasonal Calendar

### Spring

(well under 25 but  
please start thinking)

- How to buy and sell a house
- Benefits of superannuation and life insurance
- Employment Contracts
- Relationship Property Agreements
- "I did not say that Officer, honestly."

### Summer

(40 is a good age but gyms are stuffy,  
get a surf board)

- Buying and selling houses and investment properties
- Relationship Property
- Business purchase and sale
- Employment issues
- "Oooops, I drove while ever so slightly completely drunk and was breathalysed."
- Investment and Retirement Planning

### Autumn

(get on your bicycle OK?  
it's non-impact, fresh air,  
and will help you  
get over your 50th birthday)

- Trusts, Wills and Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Second Relationships
- Ongoing employment issues
- "Your Honour, it's an accepted fact that any Ford Mustang, including mine, cannot travel at less than 100 kph. I plead not guilty."

### Winter

(swim a lot in the sea)

- If you've done Spring, Summer and Autumn, right, Winter will be a doddle

We are personal lawyers. Most of our clients are individuals and we are organised to meet your individual legal needs in a friendly and efficient manner.

## Home Makers

In 2002 changes were made to the Property (Relationships) Act 1976. Parliament has given a spouse or partner the ability to claim a lump sum from the other if their living standards will be significantly lower once they separate because of the way various functions in the marriage were divided up. (It is the intention of the Act to redress the disadvantage to one spouse or partner in relation to the other).

A common example is where one spouse or partner (usually the mother) stays at home to look after their children while the other spouse or partner's career flourishes (usually the father) and their earning capacity grows, leaving the mother with no career or a diminished one. The mother would have a claim against the father. In these circumstances, she is likely to receive half of all the property and assets and an additional compensatory lump sum, or more than half the property and assets by way of compensation.

## Gold in the Wills

Gold has been a focus of attention for partner, Rob Wills. Recently he competed in a three day multi sport event in Central Otago, aptly named “Gold Rush”. The event consisted of kayaking, mountain running, mountain biking and road biking over three days, a total distance of over 350kms. Some of the course followed the roads used by gold prospectors a century or more ago. Pictured on the right is Rob in his Gold Rush gear.



Gold also featured in an estate Rob is administering. After the death of an elderly widow, Rob was informed by family that the deceased had often mentioned gold being hidden in her garden. He engaged professionals using metal detectors to scan the gardens around the home and uncovered several gold bars, subsequently sold to a gold dealer for more than \$136,000. An exciting find and certainly not an everyday occurrence in the life of a lawyer!

## Staff Changes at Haigh Lyon



We are pleased to welcome:

Ben Molloy who joined us in January. Ben comes to us with a wide range of litigation experience gained from both public and private practice. He also worked as in house legal advisor for local government and as a Prosecutor for the NZ Police. Ben will work closely with Mark Ryan in the areas of criminal, civil and employment law.

Terri Bray our new Practice Manager. Terri started her career in Accounting working for Deloitte. After starting a family, she set up a business from home offering accounting and software services. Terri joins Haigh Lyon bringing with her knowledge of business operations and commitment to client services.



## Autumn Leaves

Flaming Fast Scots Cyclist, Mairi Raby, has left us and gone to Jones Lang La Salle Property Company, another green field, as their Administration and HR Manager for New Zealand, leaving our cycling team somewhat depleted.

I make a fortune from criticizing the policy of the government,  
and then hand it over to the government  
in taxes to keep it going. - George Bernard Shaw



“If you’re found guilty and sent to prison for life I’m willing to give you a seven percent discount off my usual fee.”