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The Keith Papers collect some of the work of Sir Kenneth Keith. He studied law at the University of Auckland, Victoria University of Wellington and Harvard Law School. He was a member of the legal divisions of the Department of External Affairs and the United Nations, a law teacher at VUW, to which he has returned as professor emeritus, a member and president of the New Zealand Law Commission, a judge of appeal in various Pacific courts, an international arbitrator and a judge of the New Zealand Court of Appeal and Supreme Court and the International Court of Justice.

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In his reflections on Professor Colin Campbell Aikman, Sir Kenneth Keith outlines Professor Aikman's career, particularly his efforts as Dean of the Victoria University of Wellington law faculty. This tribute celebrates Professor Aikman's expansive sense of the role of law and of the lawyer, alongside his

concern with what the law should be, as well as what it is.

"Concerning Choice: On the Roles of Lawyers (Conclusion)"

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This article contains the concluding remarks made at the Conference entitled 'Roles and Perspectives in the Law', Victoria University of Wellington, April 2002, in honour of Sir Ivor Richardson on his retirement as President of the Court of Appeal. It discusses the choices available to lawyers in the roles of private practitioner, government lawyer, academic, adviser, commissioner, judge and legislator.

"Robert Quentin Quentin-Baxter 1922-1984"

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Kenneth Keith reflects here on the life and work of Professor Robert Quentin Quentin-Baxter. He discusses Professor Quentin-Baxter's work in the International Law Commission; his involvement in forming the Constitution of the Marshall Islands; and more generally; his intellect, his kindness, and his great influence on lawyers and the law.

"Thomas Buergenthal: Judge of the International Court of Justice (2000-10)"

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Thomas Buergenthal retired as a judge of the International Court of Justice in September 2010 after ten years of service and participating in 38 substantive decisions. This tribute to a member of the Court who arrived with outstanding and formidable scholarly qualifications, especially but not only in the field of international human rights, also draws on his earlier tragic, harrowing, and 'lucky' years. On the basis of the public record, for much of the work of the Judges as members of a collegial body is not public, the article emphasises Thomas Buergenthal's commitment to the independence of judicial office, as demonstrated particularly in cases brought against his own country; to the sound administration of justice; to the indispensability of courts in any system of ordered government, national or international; and more generally to principle.

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Alumni include Sir Robin Cooke (1926-2006), one of the leading judges of the British Commonwealth. As Baron Cooke of Thorndon, he sat on over 100 appeals to the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords,

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Since 1996 the Law School has occupied the Old Government Building in central Wellington. Designed by William Clayton and opened in 1876 to house New Zealand's then civil service, the building is a particularly fine example of Italianate neo-Renaissance style. Unusually among large colonial official buildings of the time it is constructed of wood, apart from chimneys and vaults.

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