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The principle of freedom of religion has long been an important issue for legal systems and societies. In this paper Sir Ivor

assesses the impact of this principle upon the different activities of the individual, families and groups. Instances of statutes and common law rules that either limit or enhance religious freedom are discussed. Some historical examples are also provided.

"Religion and the Law - Practice Note No. 1"

Religion and the Law - Practice Note No. 1 (Sweet & Maxwell, Wellington, 1962)
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The first chapter of this book concerns the relationship between Church and the State. Although the general doctrine of separation of church and state applies in New Zealand, it does not follow that there is complete separation or that the state is indifferent to religion. This chapter explores instances of state preference for religion in general and Christianity in particular. Examples of this preference include the charitable status of many religious groups, provision for church use of state property in cemeteries and in chapels as parts of hospitals, state aid to denominational hospitals and schools and the special position of church property. Preference for religion is also seen in the public observance of religious forms and ceremonies. The second chapter deals with individual religious liberty and the State. It explores the potential conflict between the welfare of the state and individual religious liberty through the heads of preservation of the state, preserving the public peace, regulating the use of public property, protecting public health, marriage and divorce, the welfare of children, and protecting Maori interests.

"God and Government: The New Zealand Experience (Foreword)"

"Foreword" in Ahdar and Stenhouse (eds) God and Government: The New Zealand Experience (Dunedin, University of Otago Press, 2000) 7.

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This foreword introduces the papers in this book which were first presented at an interdisciplinary conference held in Dunedin in August 1997. These papers discuss the history of the church in New Zealand and its relations with the Government, the place of religion in specific areas of society and its relevance to the modern New Zealand state. Sir Ivor sets out some of the decisions of the New Zealand courts concerning the right to freedom of religion and remarks that this book will greatly enrich the understanding of religion's place in contemporary society.

"Artificial Insemination"

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This article discusses the legal issues that the courts were faced with due to the increased use of artificial insemination in the 1950s. These issues are explored from the point of view of the child, the mother, her husband, the donor, and the doctor. The issues include whether the child is considered legitimate or illegitimate, whether artificial insemination may amount to adultery, whether the donor has any rights over or duties towards the child, and the responsibilities of the doctor. The answers to these questions affect inheritance, the operation of trust laws, and insurance policies; as well as the potential for any liability to arise from the performance of such a procedure.

"The Ormrod Report and Legal Education in New Zealand - A Commentary"

"The Ormrod Report and Legal Education in New Zealand - A Commentary" (1973) 3 *Otago Law Review* 91.

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This article was written after the release of the Ormrod Report into Legal Education. It examines the changes that have occurred in legal education in New Zealand and discusses several problems arising from these changes. One problem is relating the study of statute and case law to the day-to-day practice of law. Sir Ivor argues that students would benefit from the opportunity to work in a legal setting in the later part of their degrees and that it is also important for academics to have practical experience. Sir Ivor agrees with the Ormrod Committee that law courses should not be lengthened or professional courses made much more intensive. He also agrees that law school should provide the broadest possible education and makes some recommendations to facilitate this. Finally, he remarks upon the importance of continuing education for lawyers.

The Victoria University of Wellington was founded in 1899 to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of Queen Victoria of Great Britain and of the then British Empire. Law teaching started in 1900. The Law Faculty was formally constituted in 1907. The first dean was Richard Maclaurin (1870-1920), an eminent scholar of both law and mathematics. Maclaurin went on to lead the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as President in its formative years. Early professors included Sir John Salmond (1862-1924), still one of the Common Law's leading scholars. His texts on jurisprudence and torts have gone through many editions and remain in print.

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 Judicial Committee of the House of Lords, one of very few Commonwealth judges ever appointed to do so.

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.

The School is close to New Zealand's Parliament, courts, and the headquarters of government departments. Throughout Victoria's history, our law teachers have contributed actively to policy formation and to law reform. As a result, in addition to many scholarly articles and books, the Victoria SSRN pages include a number of official reports.

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