

National chairman steps down after a decade

Peter Chemis

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Our national chairman, Peter Chemis, is stepping down after 10 years. His decade in the role demonstrates a notable commitment to the firm and represents an impressive period of leadership.

Peter has led the firm astutely and with significant skill and care through some challenging times such as the global financial crisis and the Christchurch earthquakes. He has helped the firm reshape its business model to ensure that Buddle Findlay's teams of specialist lawyers are agile, responsive and bring a national perspective to clients' issues.

He has also helped to drive a number of successful initiatives to promote collaboration across our three offices and further entrench a one-firm culture and a very strong client service ethos.

During Peter's leadership, Buddle Findlay has experienced significant growth in revenue and market share and this is a testament to the planning and commitment of the Board and to Peter's vision and his management, leadership and people skills.

"It has been a privilege to serve in this role for the past 10 years. I truly value the opportunity I have had to lead such a talented group of people. I have the utmost respect for them personally and for their professionalism and skills and their commitment to Buddle Findlay's clients."

Whilst chairing the firm, Peter has also continued to lead the firm's national employment law practice, New Zealand's largest, and will now continue in this role fulltime. Buddle Findlay's new chairman will be announced in March 2017 and will commence in the role from 1 April 2017.

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