

Professor John Farrar

CLTA Life Member

Professor Farrar is currently Emeritus Professor of Law at Bond University (2013). He commenced his academic career in 1969 and has been in academia continually since then apart from three years when he was with the law firm Bell Gully Buddle Weir. His academic career has therefore extended over 40 years. He has been Dean of three law schools – Canterbury, Bond and Waikato and was also Acting Vice Chancellor of Bond University in 1995-1996. Professor Farrar has published extensively in corporate law - including more than a dozen books and many book chapters and journal articles. He has also been active in law reform. A notable feature of Professor Farrar's contributions to corporate law – whether teaching, publications or law reform, is that they have involved significant contributions in three countries – Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Professor Farrar has also made important contributions to the CLTA. Bond University has hosted two CLTA conferences – in 2012 and 1996 and Professor Farrar has also been a member of the Executive Committee. Professor Farrar was made an honorary life member of the Australasian Law Teachers Association in 2008 for services to legal education.

Professor Farrar has the following degrees: University College, London, LLB (Hons); University College, London, LLM; University of Bristol, PhD; University College, London, LLD. He has held senior academic appointments in three countries: Senior Lecturer, University of Bristol; Professor of Law, University of Canterbury, New Zealand; Professor of Law, University College, Cardiff; Professor of Law, Victoria University of Wellington; Harold Ford Professor of Commercial Law, University of Melbourne; Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne; Professor of Law, Bond University; Professor of Corporate Governance, University of Auckland.

Professor Farrar has held visiting positions at the Universities of California (Berkeley), Cambridge, Ghent, Hong Kong, Peking, Sydney, Toronto, Tsinghua and Western Ontario.

Professor Farrar's law reform activities are as follows:

- Member of the Justice Committee on Bankruptcy
- Member of the English Law Commission's Working Party on the Codification of Contract
- Member of the Justice Committee on Company Law
- Visiting Lecturer at the English Civil Service College on Law Reform.
- Consultant to New Zealand Contracts and Commercial Law Reform Committee on the Law of Set-Off
- Consultant to New Zealand Treasury on Corporate Law Reform
- Draftsperson of the Tower Corporation Act 1990 (Scheme for eventual privatisation of Government Life Assurance Company)
- Member of New Zealand Law Society Committees on Financial Advertising, Nominee Shareholdings and Securities Regulation

- Member of the Committee to Review the Companies Bill (NZ)
- Consultant to the New Zealand Law Commission on Company Law, Chattels Security Reform and Insolvency Law Reform
- Consultant to UK Department of Trade and Industry on Codification of Directors' Duties
- Consultant to Australian Law Reform Commission on Personal Property Securities Act
- Member of Commonwealth Attorney General's Panel of Experts on Super Shares
- Consultant to Business Council of Australia, Australian Institute of Directors and Australian Investment Managers Group
- Consultant to Attorney General's Law Reform Advisory Council (Victoria)
- Member of Legal Committee of Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Professor Farrar's published books include:

- *Law Reform and the Law Commission*, Modern Legal Studies Series - Sweet & Maxwell, 1974
- *An Introduction to Legal Method*, Sweet & Maxwell, 1977, 3rd edition with A M Dugdale, 1990
- *Palmer's Company Law*, specialist editor, 23rd and 24th editions
- *Company Law and Securities Regulation in New Zealand* (jointly with M Russell) Butterworths, NZ, 1985 (Winner of the J F Northey Prize of the Legal Research Foundation for the best law book published in New Zealand in 1985)
- *Hahlo's Cases and Materials on Company Law*, Editor, 3rd edition, Sweet & Maxwell, 1987
- *Chattel Security - Revision and Update* (jointly with R J Scragg), NZLS, 1987
- *Contemporary Issues in Company Law*, CCH (NZ), 1987, editor and contributor
- *Commercial Law in New Zealand*, (general editor with A Borrowdale) Butterworths (NZ), 1992, and author of Chapters 1, 11-21, 36, 39, 40, 42-51
- *Takeovers, Institutional Investors and the Modernization of Corporate Laws*, OUP, 1993, editor and contributor of Chapters 1, 11 and 12
- *Farrar's Company Law*, 4th edition with B Hannigan, Butterworths, 1998
- *Corporate Governance in Australia and New Zealand*, Oxford University Press, 2001
- *Guidelines on Corporate Governance for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises*, jointly with H Bosch, The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, Hong Kong, 2003
- *Comparative Corporate Governance*, Bond University Press, 2003, editor and contributor
- *Corporate Governance: Theories, Principles and Practice*, Oxford University Press, 2nd edition, 2004
- *Corporate Governance: Theories, Principles and Practice*, Oxford University Press, 3rd edition, 2008
- *Company and Securities Law in New Zealand*, Thomson Brookers, Wellington, 2008, general editor and author of eight chapters

- *Legal Reasoning*, Thomson Reuters, Sydney, 2010
- *Contemporary Issues in Corporate Governance*, edited by J H Farrar and S Watson, Centre for Commercial and Corporate Law, University of Canterbury, 2010
- *Regulatory Failure and the Global Financial Crisis*, jointly edited with M Ariff and A Khalid, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2012
- *Globalisation, the Crisis and the State*, edited by J H Farrar and D Mayes, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, forthcoming.