

## Judge Andrew Becroft



Principal Youth Court Judge Andrew Becroft

His Honour Judge Andrew Becroft is the current Principal Youth Court Judge of New Zealand.

Born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and educated at Rongotai College, Wellington, Judge Becroft graduated from Auckland University in 1981 with a BA. LLB (Hons) degree. He practised in Auckland with the firm Fortune Manning & Partners, where he was an Associate. In 1986 he assisted with the establishment of the Mangere Community Law Centre and worked there until 1993. He then worked as a criminal barrister in South Auckland until his appointment to the District Court bench, sitting in Wanganui, in 1996. He was appointed Principal Youth Court Judge in June 2001. Judge Becroft was a former council member of the Auckland District Law Society and the New Zealand Law Society.

Judge Becroft is a current editor of LexisNexis *Transport Law*, is the Patron of the New Zealand Speak Easy Association Inc., which assists those with various forms of speech impediment and is the Chairperson of the Board of the Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship (NZ) Inc.

He is married to Philippa, also a law/arts graduate from Auckland University, and they have three children aged fourteen, thirteen and nine years. Judge Becroft is a keen sports watcher (but an average participant), and a passionate supporter of the Hurricanes and the Black Caps. He is a strong advocate of youth issues.