

GILBERT WALKER

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### Profile

With over two decades of experience in New Zealand and overseas, Matthew provides advice and advocacy across most areas of commercial law. Recent directory comments have noted that he *"impresses with the practical nature of his advice and the overall quality of any interaction"* and that he is *"a persuasive advocate on his feet and in correspondence"*.

Matthew's practice includes company and commercial, construction and property, and insurance and professional liability.

A partner at Gilbert Walker since 2007, Matthew regularly appears as lead counsel in first instance and appellate hearings, including against parties represented by Queen's Counsel.

Previously, he was a senior litigation associate at Clifford Chance in London, and practised US law at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. and at Davis Polk in London.

Matthew is a member of the NZLS Litigation Skills Faculty and the NZLS Law Reform Committee.

### Credentials

- LLB (Hons) / BA (Auckland) LLM (NYU)
- Admitted in New Zealand (1997), New York (2000), England and Wales (2004)

### Recent Experience

- acting for former directors of Feltex in the liability and loss phase of the \$200m class action brought on behalf of more than 3,600 shareholder claimants arising from the Feltex IPO in 2004
- advising a major listed issuer on numerous disputes arising out of a \$450m construction project suffering significant delays and cost overruns
- acting for liability insurers, including Vero Liability and IAG, on indemnity issues and defending claims against their insureds