


# James Greenland

I am a critical thinker who can't help but to break issues down to first-principles. I value innovative solutions to traditional problems and believe in the value of looking back, only if it enriches the journey forward.



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## Work Experience

01/2016 - Present Wellington, New Zealand

### Founder and director

#### Your Law Limited

Start-up company setting out to make legal services more accessible and affordable

##### Tasks

Ask me about it. There is a LOT to do, creating and building a company.

08/2015 - Present Wellington, New Zealand

### Journalist/communications specialist

#### New Zealand Law Society

Professional representative and regulator of the legal profession in New Zealand

##### Tasks

Reporting on news of interest and value to the legal profession and writing profiles of noteworthy lawyers, legal professionals and enterprises  
Advising NZLS staff and leadership on strategic communication plans and policy

Contact: Geoff Adlam - Communications Manager

02/2015 - 04/2016 Wellington, New Zealand

### Legal researcher

#### Ministry for Culture and Heritage

##### Tasks

Researching the legacy and current state of New Zealand's Treaty of Waitangi jurisprudence

10/2012 - 02/2014 Nelson, New Zealand

### Journalist

#### The Nelson Mail (Fairfax NZ)

Writing for a daily regional newspaper and Stuff.co.nz, a national online news service

##### Tasks

Reporting on breaking news, emergency news, court/justice, and education, writing feature length articles and profiles  
Building and maintaining the respect of a large and diverse social and professional network

## Skills & Competences

Writing	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Oral advocacy	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Research/interviewing	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Leadership	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Critical thinking	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Resilience	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Creativity	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Time management	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>

## Achievements & Certificates

Enrolled barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand

LLB, BA (Politics and philosophy), PgDip Journ

Father of a perfect two-year-old son, Paora

Mark Parker scholarship for All-round Excellence, University College, Otago

R. Turner prize for Top Student in Management, Otago University

Otago University Young Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

## Education

06/2015 - 10/2015  
**Professional Legal Studies**  
College of Law New Zealand

03/2014 - 02/2015  
**Bachelor of Laws**  
Victoria University and University of Otago

01/2012 - 01/2013  
**Post-graduate Diploma in Journalism**  
Massey University (Wellington)

03/2008 - 02/2012  
**Bachelor of Arts (Politics)**  
University of Otago

## Languages



Plain English



"Legalese"



te reo Maori



Spanish, French,  
German,  
Japanese

## Interests

Travel | Playing guitar | Sports of all kinds | Diving and fishing |  
Reading | Philosophy | Discussion and debate | Futurism | Golf