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## The Honourable Peter George Spenser Penlington, QC

If The Honourable Peter Penlington thinks he had “an undistinguished school career”, he more than made up for it in his life-long work with the law.

Admitted to the bar as a barrister and solicitor after graduating Bachelor of Laws from the University of Canterbury in 1956, Peter became a partner in the law firm RA Young and Hunter in 1960. He became a Queen’s Counsel in 1978 and practised as a QC until he was appointed a judge of the High Court in 1990. He sat on the bench in Hamilton from 1991–2002, and after retiring to Christchurch undertook appellate work for the Fiji Court of Appeal for the next five years. Peter was president of the Canterbury Law Society from 1974–1975 and served on the Council of the New Zealand Law Society.

He always counted himself fortunate to attend Christ’s College and believed it shaped his whole life. He was president of the Old Boys’ Association in 1984–1985, served as an Old Boys’ representative on the College Board from 1987–1990 and was a College guide.



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