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Sir Andrew is one of the longest serving senior judges in New Zealand.

Born in Oxford, England, he later moved with his family to New Zealand where he attended Christ's College and the University of Canterbury.

Sir Andrew was appointed a judge of the High Court in 1986 and in 1997 became a judge of the Court of Appeal. The following year he was appointed to the Privy Council. He became one of the inaugural appointments to the Supreme Court of New Zealand in 2004. Sir Andrew served 26 years as a judge before retiring.

He says his time in the law has taught him to be a good listener and to fully understand a person's point before coming to a decision about it. Some people are better than others at explaining their position. Someone who is not as articulate may nevertheless have a valid point.

His advice: "Be true to yourself. If something doesn't feel right it usually isn't right. This time be a good listener to yourself."



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