



## JUDICIARY OF SEYCHELLES

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### PRESS STATEMENT

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Professor Tony Angelo, currently Professor of Law at Victoria University of Wellington has been appointed to the rank of Queen's Counsel. This was announced by the Attorney-General Hon Christopher Finlayson in a Press Release from the New Zealand Government on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 .

"The appointment to the rank of Queen's Counsel recognises individuals who have excelled at the highest level of law," Mr Finlayson said. "Professor Tony Angelo of Wellington has been appointed under the Royal Prerogative in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the law, particularly to legal education and to constitutional development in the South Pacific."

Professor Tony Angelo, who also holds a BA and LL.M from Victoria University and an Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Chevalier), is a leading expert in Comparative Law, Small States Law and Legislative Drafting. He has published extensively on the laws of Mauritius, the Seychelles and other small nations of the Pacific. Professor Angelo's connection to Mauritius began in 1968 and he was formerly the Special Advisor to the office of the Attorney-General. He has also made a valuable contribution to constitutional development in South Pacific states and is currently the constitutional advisor to the Government of Niue and Legal Advisor to the Government of Tokelau.

The range of Professor Angelo's academic writings has been enormous – about 100 academic articles, book chapters, or papers on Comparative Law and Foreign Law topics. He is also the author or editor of more than 60 books on Law, principally concerning Mauritius, Tokelau, Niue, the Cook Islands, the Seychelles and Japan, as well as New Zealand. He is truly an encyclopedic Comparative Law scholar.

He has more recently published amongst other books, 'Leading Cases of Seychelles', 'Seychelles Digest' and with his students and the editorial committee, kept the Seychelles Law Reports and the Seychelles Court of Appeal Reports updated - an invaluable exercise.

He has of late been the pro bono consultant in the Review of the Civil Code of Seychelles and intends to return to Seychelles during the discussions of the Bill on the New Civil Code in the Assembly.

The Seychelles Bench and Bar owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all his devotion to 'finding' the law of Seychelles and publishing it. His selfless work has lightened the load of all legal practitioners in Seychelles.

Congratulations Professor.