

Baldwins and the patent attorney profession

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In our commitment to the development of the intellectual property system and patent attorney profession, Baldwins' practitioners are actively involved in professional bodies both in New Zealand and overseas.

The [New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys](#) (NZIPA) held its AGM last Friday, 27 November 2009 in Wellington. At this meeting the Council of eight Fellow members was elected, with [Tim Jackson](#) to President for a two-year term. [Penny Catley](#) and [Greg Lynch](#) will remain Council members, Penny on her fourth term, and Greg on his second. The Council and the Institute will be working through the many changes facing the patent attorney profession.

At this occasion, student members and new Fellows were also acknowledged. Of our staff, [Ben Halberg](#) and [Jonathan Lucas](#) were admitted as Fellows and were awarded a joint prize for the Interpretation and Criticism examination (paper E) in the series of examinations for [patent attorney registration](#). As well, Simon Tuohy received the prize for the Patents and Designs examinations (papers A1 and A2), and Maria Sun received the prize for the Trade Marks examination (paper B).

These prizes are awarded by the NZIPA for the highest mark achieved by a member for each of the examinations.

Tremendous effort goes into both the work of the [Institute](#) and to [qualifying as a patent attorney](#), which the Partners of the firm wholly support, encourage and appreciate. Our standards of service reflect the calibre of our practitioners and this is generated by their superior performance and commitment to excellence.