

# Lawyer use report wins major award

**A** report produced by Wellington-based legal professional services and research consultancy Team Factors Ltd has won a major international honour.

The report, aimed at helping companies and government agencies develop best practices in their use of legal services, received an APEX 2009 Award.

The United States-based APEX Awards for Publication Excellence is an annual competition now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year that recognises outstanding publications from around the world.

Written by Team Factors Managing Director, Wellington lawyer Ron Pol, the report was produced in association with the Corporate Lawyers Association

of New Zealand (CLANZ) and the Australian Corporate Lawyers Association (ACLA).

Entitled *ACLA/CLANZ Legal Department Benchmarking Report*, it is the result of extensive research with the general counsel of corporate and government organisations in New Zealand and Australia.

“Very few of these prestigious awards are granted outside North America and this year it was the only one awarded in Australasia,” ACLA chief executive Peter Turner says.



“It’s tremendous recognition for leading companies and government agencies in Australia and New Zealand who had the vision to support a detailed research report on the use of lawyers.

“The report is already being put to great use by companies and government agencies keen to ensure they get the best value from lawyers,” Peter Turner says.

This international award follows recognition closer to home. In May, the report also won a gold medal in the New Zealand annual “Pride In Print” Awards. ■