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David Howman



Director General

David Howman commenced work for WADA as chief operating officer/special counsel in March 2003, and took over the position of director general in August 2003. Previously, he was a member of WADA's Foundation Board, representing Oceania, and the chair of the WADA Legal Working Group.

In addition, he served as the chair of the Independent Observer Team at the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City 2002, and the deputy chair of the Independent Observer Team to the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000.

David Howman comes to Canada from Wellington, New Zealand, where he practiced as a barrister specializing in Sports Law. He was chairman of the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency between 2000 and 2003 and, previously, its counsel. He was instrumental in writing the legislation for the Agency and appeared as its counsel at several court hearings. David Howman served as president of New Zealand Tennis and commissioner for New Zealand Rugby for a number of years. He has represented many prominent New Zealand sportsmen in various activities and contractual areas.

Highly ranked as a junior tennis player, David Howman was a member of the New Zealand Junior Davis Cup squad, and represented Victoria University in Rugby. He continues to exercise regularly and counts rugby, tennis, golf, and running among his sporting interests. He is married to Jane Young, a television political journalist, and between them they have five children and three grandchildren.

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