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Mai is a Founding Partner of Chen Palmer New Zealand Public and Employment Law Specialists, Barristers and Solicitors, which has won the Best Boutique Law Firm in 2010, and the Best Public Law Firm in the New Zealand Law Awards in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, and was a finalist in the Employment Law Awards in 2011. The Firm has offices in Wellington and Auckland and celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2014.

Mai is also the best-selling author of *Public Law Toolbox* published by Lexis Nexis in March 2012 and *Transforming Auckland: The Creation of Auckland Council* published in April 2014.

She is the inaugural Chair of New Zealand Global Women. She has recently founded New Zealand Asian Leaders, connecting top Asian NZ CEOs and emerging leaders with New Zealand companies doing business in Asia to enhance their success to help NZ Inc. She also helped to establish the Pacifica Leadership Academy at BEST Pacific Institute of Education, led by Beatrice Faumuina.

Mai won the supreme Judges Panel Award and the Professional Excellence Award at the New Zealand Chinese Business Elite Awards in 2012.

Mai won the Business and Entrepreneur Women of Influence Award in 2013.

Mai also launched willtolive.co.nz in July 2013, a site which allows the making of wills to be easy and which helps NZers to live life to the full.

Mai won Next Magazine's Business Woman of the Year in 2011, and is a World's Best New Zealander in the Kiwi Expatriates Network. Mai was listed in the 2009 and 2010 unlimited magazine's top Influencers List. Mai has a First Class Law Honours degree from Otago University, a Masters degree from Harvard Law School, is a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Management, and an Honorary Associate of Auckland University of Technology.

Mai was in the Top 10 finalists for 2014 New Zealander of the Year.

Mai sat on the Securities Commission, on the New Zealand Board of Trade and Enterprise's Beachheads Programme, the Asia New Zealand Foundation, the Advisory Board of AMP Life Limited (NZ), and was President of the Harvard New Zealand Alumni Association (NZ) for ten years. Mai sits on the New Zealand Law Society Public and Administrative Law Committee.



