**Sarah Retter’s Bio**

Sarah Retter is a Senior Legal Practitioner with 12+ years of experience providing strategic legal and business advice to Senior Executives. Her expertise includes designing and providing creative business solutions to resolve legal and business challenges, managing litigation, drafting, negotiating and reviewing a wide range of IT agreements and advising on legal risk.

Currently, Sarah is the General Counsel & Head of Compliance at Fujitsu New Zealand, where she manages a full-service team. Sarah designs legal risk and mitigation strategies, delivers bespoke training to the business and was instrumental in drafting and launching the Māori and Pacific Peoples Inclusion Plan, which sets out Fujitsu’s goals for Māori and Pacific People over the next five years.

Sarah is also a remarkable mentor. She has mentored young people via various programs such as the Young Enterprise Trust – Enterprise in Action Weekend program, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment R9 Accelerator weekend program and continues to mentor colleagues both in the Legal profession and at Fujitsu.

Before joining Fujistu, Sarah was a Lawyer with The Learning Trust, Hackney, an organization that provides a range of statutory and traded services to support the education of children, young people and their families based in London. Before this, Sarah prepared and negotiated research contracts for Imperial College London and began her career as a graduate Solicitor with Norris Ward McKinnon, Hamilton, New Zealand.

Sarah’s contributions to the legal profession have earned her several accolades. In 2022, she was nominated and named a finalist in the Shining Star category for the New Zeland Reseller Women in ICT Awards. She was also nominated as *Private Sector In-House Lawyer of the Year* for the In House Lawyers Association of New Zealand. In 2021, while acting as the interim Country Manager for the Fujitsu New Zealand business, she received the CEO’s Award in recognition of her commitment, integrity, and dedication.

Sarah is passionate about using creative legal thought to solve complex problems and spearheading new digital transformation initiatives to help Fujitsu’s in-house legal team be more efficient and accessible.

She holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, and is admitted to the Bar in both the High Court of New Zealand and the Supreme Court in New South Wales.