

About Us

The Honest Lawyer has become a Nelson icon with friendly service, a relaxing atmosphere and excellent food and accommodation making it a perfect stop for locals and visitors alike.

The Honest Lawyer was first opened in 1995 and celebrated its tenth anniversary in November last year. Our surroundings tell a different story though, and mirror many English country pubs several centuries old. Particularly inviting is the comfortable seating in the pub and restaurant area, with a stunning view of the Waimea Estuary and the mountains in the distance. In the summer, there is plenty of seating outside on the lawn while winter offers the perfect opportunity to curl up next to the huge open fire. Knick-knacks and memorabilia cover the walls, and the huge tree in the middle of the bar is an interesting talking point.

The Honest Lawyer is situated just ten minutes by car from Nelson city centre and five minutes drive from Nelson airport and Richmond. It makes a wonderful base from which to explore the Nelson, New Zealand, region where there is something for everyone to do, regardless of your tastes.

For the active among us, a walk in the stunning Abel Tasman with its beautiful beaches or Kahurangi National Park with its amazing bush and alpine region is a must, while sailing down the coast with Catamaran Sailing Charters is a wonderful treat. Skydiving, skiing, fishing, kayaking, paragliding and four-wheel biking are all possible in the region. For a more relaxed stay, there are numerous arts and crafts galleries, markets, cafes and museums to explore. We suggest visiting the Høglund Glass Studio, the WOW (World of Wearable Art) complex, Happy Valley Adventures or with JJ Tours. We are happy to help you decide where to go and help you book.