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The National Business Review New Zealander of the Year, announced in our honours list to mark Waitangi Day next week, is Christchurch lawyer **Grant Cameron**. Mr Cameron is the fifth recipient of the award following National Bank chief executive Sir John Anderson last year, foreign affairs and trade secretary Richard Nottage (1994), Maori leader Sir Tipene O'Regan (1993) and businessman Charles Bidwill (1992). The award, based on readers' nominations, marks individuals' outstanding contributions to the country's wellbeing. Mr Cameron, who celebrated his 44th birthday and 10th year in his own practice yesterday, is the lawyer representing the families of those killed at Cave Creek. He is also acting for patients of Good Health Wanganui who were misdiagnosed as having cancer and for Morgan Jones, the boy severely injured on a train between Christchurch and Picton. Mr Cameron successfully sued the Law Society on behalf of clients who lost more than \$12 million when Upper Hutt law firm Renshaw Edwards collapsed. From a working-class background, he became a policeman for 10 years before being admitted to the bar. His firm, **Grant Cameron Associates**, is Christchurch based but has clients throughout New Zealand. It has a staff of seven. Mr Cameron has a keen interest in business and is a director of the Canterbury Business Development Board. He was selected by the government in 1994 to join the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa to monitor the first all-race elections in the republic. NBR editor-in-chief Nevil Gibson said the reader response to this year's award was the best since NBR launched its honours list in 1992. "It is always hard making a decision and this year's choice was especially difficult given the variety and quality of nominees."

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