

The keynote speakers

John Clark, Consultant, Auckland

From 1986 – 1993 John was the national managing partner of Rudd Watts & Stone. In 1994 he became a management consultant and executive mentor. His book *The Money or Your Life*, a guide to mid-life change for professionals, has received international acclaim.

Chris Moore, Partner, Meredith Connell, Auckland

Chris has 25 years' experience in the areas of commercial and commercial property law, and heads his firm's commercial/commercial property team. He is the current chair of both Meredith Connell's board and the NZLS Property Law Section executive. Chris has presented addresses on commercial property issues at a number of industry and law society conferences.

Dr Gareth Morgan, Infometrics, Wellington

Gareth is a director of economic consultancy Infometrics Ltd and principal of Gareth Morgan Investments Ltd which manages internationally diversified investment portfolios for individuals and trusts. He is a well-known newspaper columnist and media commentator. Gareth's degrees are in economics and mathematics.

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Catherine Atchison, Partner, Martelli McKegg Wells & Cormack, Auckland

Catherine heads her firm's trust, administration and asset planning department. She has wide experience in all aspects of family and business asset protection and advises on formation and management of charitable trusts. Catherine is trustee of a number of charitable trusts and is an executive member of STEP and the Estate and Tax Planning Councils.

Dr Wally Bain, Senior Partner, Lamb Bain Laubscher, Te Kuiti

Not only is Wally a pharmacist and Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand but he is also a lawyer with nearly 30 years' experience. He acts for a large number of pharmaceutical companies throughout New Zealand and overseas specialising in business structures, buying and selling pharmacy businesses and franchise operations particularly operating within that industry.

The Rt Hon Justice Blanchard

Supreme Court Justice Blanchard holds LLM degrees from Auckland and Harvard Universities. He was a partner in the Auckland law firm Simpson Grierson and a director of several listed companies until his appointment to the High Court in 1992. He became a judge of the Court of Appeal in 1996 and was appointed to the Supreme Court on 1 January 2004.

Kristin Bowman, Partner, Hesketh Henry, Auckland

Kristin has wide experience gained in both New Zealand and London in corporate, commercial, property and commercial financing work. Her area of speciality is advising on the issues affecting infrastructure business in the areas of valuation and pricing. She has worked both as a consulting lawyer and within business organisations.

Ferne Bradley, Partner, Mackintosh Bradley & Price, Christchurch

Ferne is a member of the NZLS Property Law Section and ADR committees. She is an independent director of the Financial Planners and Investment Advisers Association (FPIA), convener of the CDLS ADR committee, director of NZ LAW and a trustee of Cholmondeley Children's Home. Ferne is a property and commercial law practitioner with many years' experience.

Rob Braithwaite, Partner, KPMG, Hamilton

Rob is responsible for tax compliance and consulting engagements for a wide range of corporate and private clients. Included in his client base are a number of significant corporate entities involved in the provision of services to and the acquisition and processing of products from the rural sector. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand Primary Sector Committee and was involved in providing training in Australia in relation to the introduction of GST.

Richard Burcher, Partner, Kaimai Law, Katikati

Richard works in the property and commercial area of law. He is a cost reviser and provides costing consultancy services to law firms. Richard has presented seminars on costing, represented members of the public and law firms at cost revision hearings and appeals, and provided expert testimony in cost revision proceedings. He has written a number of articles on costing for legal publications, *The National Business Review* and *New Zealand Management* magazine.

Vanessa Cathie, Associate, Hornabrook Macdonald Lawyers, Auckland

Vanessa specialises in the commercial property market and has experience in a variety of projects involving fee simple and leasehold unit title developments. Prior to starting with Hornabrook Macdonald in October 2003, Vanessa was a partner in a medium-sized commercial firm and a senior associate at a national law firm.

Geoff Clews, Barrister, Auckland

Geoff is an experienced tax litigator and regularly advises clients who are subject to tax audit, representing them with the IRD and before the courts at all levels. He is a regular speaker at conferences both in New Zealand and overseas.

Richard Cross, Partner, Willis Toomey Robinson, Napier

Richard specialises in property, local government and resource management law. A former DLR, he is a member of both the Land Titles Committee and the NZLS Property Law Section executive. Richard is the NZLS representative on the LINZ Operations Advisory Committee overseeing LINZ operations and forward planning for Landonline. Richard co-presented the NZLS Property Miscellany seminars in 2001.

John Donovan, Chief Legal Adviser, Public Trust, Wellington

John has extensive experience in both wills drafting and estates administration and is co-author of the chapters on "Executors" and "Family Arrangements" in Butterworths *New Zealand Forms and Precedents*. He has also been responsible for developing the Public Trust's in-house procedures for dealing with the opportunities and risks posed by the Property (Relationships) Act.

Joanna Doolan, Ernst and Young, Sydney

Jo has over 17 years of tax experience, split between the corporate and entrepreneurial markets. In the last two years she has managed the New Zealand tax desk in Ernst and Young's Sydney office providing New Zealand tax advice to Australian and other international businesses based in Australia and/or with an interest in operating in New Zealand.

Jo is currently working in the Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland offices advising new and existing clients on opportunities on both sides of the Tasman.

Paul Foley, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Wellington

Paul is a commercial partner specialising in corporate, commercial and securities law. He also practises in the areas of company restructuring, stock exchange requirements and insolvency. Paul has co-presented previous NZLS seminars on the Companies Act and is an author of *Morison's Company and Securities Law*.

Barry Gunson, Barrister and Solicitor, Hamilton

Barry specialises in commercial contracts, trusts and estate planning, the rural industry, dispute resolution (particularly rural disputes) and plain English precedents. He is a member of the NZLS Property Law Section executive and presented at the 2002 NZLS Property Law Conference.

Mark Henaghan, Professor of Law and Dean of the Law Faculty, Otago University

Mark has published extensively on family law, both nationally and internationally, with a strong emphasis on the child's position in relation to the law. He has co-authored a book on analysing the new Property (Relationships) Act, and has just completed a book entitled *Family Property on Death* with Nicola Peart and Margaret Briggs.

Mark Hornabrook, Partner, Hornabrook Macdonald Lawyers, Auckland

Mark specialises in residential development. He has worked on a variety of property development projects in the greater Auckland area, ranging in size from two-unit cross leases to 230 unit residential complexes.

Chris Kelly, Senior Legal Counsel, New Zealand Guardian Trust Co.

Chris has over 25 years' experience as an estates and trust lawyer, including five years as a family trust specialist. As senior legal counsel at Guardian Trust he is now responsible for developing in-house legal services, external legal referrals, staff training and precedent development. Chris has contributed to several legal texts, including two of the titles in *New Zealand Forms and Precedents*.

Greg Kelly, Partner, Gillespie Young Watson, Lower Hutt

Greg has over 20 years of experience in the wills, trusts and estate area. He is a member of the Wills and Trusts Technical Committee of the NZLS Property Law Section, a member of STEP and a contributor to Butterworths *Law of Trusts*. He has

Ken Lord, Partner, Parry Field Lawyers, Christchurch

Ken's focus is on property and personal law and he has particular interest in issues relating to the elderly and charitable trusts. Ken has contributed to Lexis Nexis *Law of Trusts*, writing the chapter on "Charities" for that text. He is currently the convener of the Trusts and Wills Committee of the NZLS Property Law Section and serves on the Costs Revision Committee of the Canterbury District Law Society.

Deborah Marris, Partner, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Wellington

Deborah is a tax partner in the law firm Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, advising clients on their taxation affairs with particular emphasis on corporate and international taxation and resolution of taxation disputes.

David McLay, Barrister, Wellington

David specialises in tax advice and tax litigation. He also has an extensive advisory practice in relation to trusts, charities and non-profit organisations. He was a partner at Bell Gully from 1986 to 2003, and became a barrister sole in 2003. David has spoken at conferences in New Zealand and London on charity law issues.

Nichole Moynagh, Associate, Meredith Connell, Auckland

Nichole has extensive experience in relation to the drafting and negotiation of leases and design-and-build contracts on a variety of properties from shopping centres, bulk retail to CBD office and industrial premises. She has practical experience advising landlord clients on enforcement of leases, tenant defaults and reinstatement obligations.

Bill Patterson, Partner, Patterson Hopkins, Auckland

Formerly a partner of Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Bill specialises in corporate law, superannuation, taxation and estate planning. He is a seasoned author and presenter on these subjects but has a special interest in trusts.

Nicola Peart, Associate Professor of Law, Otago University

Nicola was appointed to the Law Faculty at the University of Otago in 1987, where her research has focused on family property and medical law. She is the principal author of *Relationship Property on Death* due to be published by Brookers in mid-2004 and she co-presented the 2002 NZLS seminar *Claims to Estates of Family Persons*.

Stuart Ryan, Partner, Hesketh Henry, Auckland

Stuart is a litigation partner at Hesketh Henry. He advises on resource development and consents, as well as the process and compliance requirements of local government and other public law legislation.

Dr Stephen Saunders, Auckland

Stephen is a retail and franchising specialist who has run franchise businesses and consulted to leading New Zealand companies. He started the 36-store Books & More New Zealand Post chain, and is currently Managing Director of Franchising Works, New Zealand's only specialist end-to-end franchise management company.

Denis Sheard, Waitakere City Council, Auckland

Denis is general counsel and Legal Services Manager for the Waitakere City Council. He practised as a property lawyer in Christchurch for 32 years and, immediately prior to his move north in 2003, was a partner in Buddle Findlay. Denis has written and lectured extensively on conveyancing matters. He is a member of the New Zealand Law Practitioner's Disciplinary Tribunal.

Greg Towers, Partner, Simpson Grierson, Auckland

Greg advises on acquisitions, including due diligence, and dispositions of companies, businesses and commercial property. He has a particular interest and speciality in commercial leases and specialist leasing projects including retail shopping centre developments. In 2002-2003 Greg was the chair of Lex Mundi an association of independent law firms.