

CHAIR



Margaret Casey, Barrister, Auckland

Margaret commenced as a barrister sole in 1992, specialising in family law with an emphasis on relationship property disputes and Hague Convention cases. She has presented many seminars and workshops for the NZLS, ADLS and other organisations, as well as contributing to a number of family law texts and publications. Margaret trained as a mediator in 1992 and has undertaken many complex mediations since then involving relationship and trust assets.

SPEAKERS



The Hon Justice Raynor Asher, High Court, Wellington

Justice Asher was a partner at Kensington Haynes & White and Kensington Wallace, (later Kensington Swan) from 1976-86, and in 1986 commenced practice as a barrister. In 1992 he was appointed Queen's Counsel. He took on the appointment of Vice President NZLS from 2003-05 and was appointed to the High Court bench in 2005.



Bill Atkin, Professor of Law, Victoria University of Wellington

Bill teaches a wide range of subjects at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including Family Law, Law and Medicine and Torts. He has written extensively, especially in the area of family law, including co-authoring *Relationship Property in New Zealand* (2nd ed, LexisNexis, Wellington, 2009). He is the general editor of the annual *International Survey of Family Law*.



The Hon Justice Patricia Courtney, High Court, Auckland

Justice Courtney joined the Department of Trade & Industry as an investigating officer in November 1982 and in 1983 became a staff solicitor at Heaney Jones & Mason. In 1986 Her Honour moved to McElroy Milne and became a partner of the firm in 1989. In 1992 she was a founding partner of the firm of McElroys and was senior partner from 1998 until her appointment to the High Court in 2004.



Kathryn Lellman, Partner, Ronanyne Hollister-Jones Lellman, Tauranga

Kathryn has practised family law for over 20 years. She has a busy practice with a particular emphasis on relationship property and trust issues, Lawyer for the Child and Hague Convention work. She has presented seminars, both locally and for NZLS, on family law issues.



Prof Nicola Peart, Faculty of Law, University of Otago, Dunedin

Nicola was appointed to the Law Faculty at the University of Otago in 1987, where her research has focused on family property law, including trusts and succession law, and medical law. She is the principal author of *Relationship Property on Death* (2004 Brookers Thomson) and the editor and contributing author of *Family Property* (2008 Brookers Thomson).

SPEAKERS



The Hon Justice Kit Toogood, High Court, Auckland

Justice Toogood was admitted to the bar in 1973. He initially joined Craig Morgan and Co in 1972 and from 1977-1985 was a Crown Prosecutor with Luke, Cunningham and Clere. From 1985-86 he was a litigation partner in Young, Swan, Morison, McKay in Wellington and from 1986-90 with Kensington Swan. After working as a barrister sole from 1990 he was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1999. Justice Toogood was appointed to the High Court on 8 March 2011.

COMMENTATORS



His Hon Judge David Burns, Auckland

Judge Burns was appointed as a Family Court judge in March 2005. He practised previously as a specialist family court barrister for many years. Prior to his appointment he was chair of the NZLS Family Law Section for three years. He has presented a number of seminars for the NZLS, ADLS and for other organisations.



Jan McCartney SC, Barrister, Auckland

Jan has worked as a barrister sole since 1988 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008. Her work is in equity, including equity in commercial relationships and she also has a relationship property practice. In relation to case law involving creditors, Jan was counsel in *Regal Castings Limited v Lightbody* [2009] 2 NZLR 433 and *Ryan v Unkovich* [2010] 1 NZLR 434.



Her Hon Judge Mary O'Dwyer, Wellington

Judge O'Dwyer was appointed to the Family Court, District Court and Youth Court in November 2002. She practised as a barrister for 15 years in London and throughout the United Kingdom, specialising in criminal and family law. From 1993 she practised in Christchurch as a partner in Cunningham Taylor. She has served on several NZLS committees and on the Family Law Section Executive in 2001.



Mark Vickerman, Barrister, Auckland

Mark was research officer to the Royal Commission on the courts, responsible for the establishment of the Family Court. After 12 years as a litigation partner he went to the bar where he is practising in civil litigation and relationship property. He has presented papers for NZLS and ADLS.



Stuart Walker, Anderson Lloyd, Dunedin

Stuart practises in the areas of commercial and banking law. He is co-author of the Bills of Exchange and Credit and Finance titles and Insolvency Precedents in LexisNexis New Zealand Forms and Precedents. Stuart is a member of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal and has presented a number of NZLS seminars.

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