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# WORKSHOP LAWYER FOR CHILD

*March 2019*

*It is vital that children are represented in defended proceedings. The NZLS CLE course is essential for lawyers interested in becoming approved for appointment by the Family Court as lawyers to represent children.*

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*An integral part of the New Zealand Family Court system is the state-funded legal representation of children. Lawyers entrusted with these duties must possess a range of skills to enable them to represent children effectively in care and protection cases, in addition to facilitating the new emphasis on children's participation in respect of parenting arrangements.*

## OUTLINE

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This workshop has been designed to ensure participants have the opportunity to develop the full range of skills, knowledge and attitudes required to carry out the role effectively.

### **By the end of the workshop participants should be able to:**

- Demonstrate an understanding of the current role of lawyer for child and changes to the nature of that role as a result of legislative changes.
- Examine their own values and beliefs in a more informed manner and understand how these might affect the way they carry out the role.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills required to communicate with children and the ability to put them into practice.
- Show some understanding of child development issues in planning and evaluating their interventions.
- Identify strategies for addressing the potential for conflicts of interest when the views of a child do not necessarily correspond with what the lawyer considers may be in their best interests.

## PRESENTERS

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### *Hana Ellis, Barrister and Mediator, Manukau*

Hana (Ngā Puhī/Ngāti Porou) is a barrister and mediator practising family law. She has a background in criminal and mental health law and is currently on the Intellectual Disability (Compulsory Care and Rehabilitation) Act 2003 roster and the mediation list. Hana has been on the Lawyer for Child list since 1999.

### *Wendy Kelly, Psychologist, Wellington*

Wendy has over 30 years of experience as a clinical psychologist, which includes 25 years of providing training to practitioners. She has worked in a variety of settings including a psychiatric hospital, pain clinic, sexual abuse counselling centre, Child, Youth and Family and a child and adolescent mental health service. Wendy completed her PhD in 2015 on the topic of the importance of foster parents understanding of the foster child in their care.

### *April Trenberth, Clinical Psychologist, Auckland*

April has a full-time private practice. She has over 30 years' experience in a wide range of settings, including mental health, child and family, and general adult settings. April divides her time between general private practice and Courts and has prepared specialist reports for Family Court, High Court and Child, Youth and Family Service since 1995.

### *Jason Wren, Barrister, Christchurch*

Jason has practised exclusively in the area of family law in both the North and South Island for over 20 years. His areas of expertise relate primarily to relationship property and care of children disputes. At the same time, Jason regularly represents children in the Family Court in all matter of proceedings. He has presented often in legal education settings.

<b>LEARNING OBJECTIVES</b>	You will gain an understanding of the role, the skills required to communicate with children, child development issues, and strategies for addressing conflicts of interest when the child's views don't correspond with their own best interests.	
<b>FORMAT</b>	A variety of teaching and learning methods will be used which includes a high degree of active participation by participants. The workshop is limited to 34 participants.	
<b>WHO SHOULD ATTEND</b>	Lawyers who are considering seeking listing as lawyer for child. Participants should have a minimum of four years' experience in the Family Court.	
<b>FEE (Incl GST)</b>	NZLS members \$1,545, and non-members \$1,645. This includes materials and all catering. Course dinner from 6.30pm on Wednesday, 20 March, is included. Limited financial assistance may be available through the Douglas Wilson Advocacy Scholarship Trust. <b>See back page.</b>	
<b>MATERIALS</b>	Course materials will be distributed at the workshop.	
<b>TIMING</b>	Day 1: 8.45am – 5.00pm & course dinner 6.30pm	Day 2: 9.00am – 5.00pm Day 3: 9.00am – 4.00pm

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