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# ENTRY LEVEL INTRODUCTION TO CIVIL LITIGATION SKILLS

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## COMMENTS FROM PAST ATTENDEES

*“Feel as if I have come away with a lot of valuable skills and increased confidence in my ability as a practitioner.”*

*“Very practical application of knowledge. Enjoyed working in groups so you could see other people’s drafting styles.”*

*“Very enjoyable and extremely transferable to my work.”*

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ENTRY LEVEL

# INTRODUCTION TO CIVIL LITIGATION SKILLS



*Surveys of recently admitted practitioners repeatedly identify civil litigation as the area in which most practitioners in their first years of practice want formal training. This programme responds to this need and complements both the skills-based pre-admission courses and the annual NZLS CLE Litigation Skills Programme.*

## OUTLINE

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As a recently admitted practitioner, you should not miss this unique opportunity to develop practical skills in civil litigation and ensure you will be able to face a court case with confidence.

In this intensive, small-group workshop you will:

- Learn how to handle a single file from beginning to end
- Identify and understand the various steps in the process
- Develop the practical skills you need to handle this, and a range of other litigation files, competently and confidently
- Learn how to draft pleadings, evidence and submissions
- Become aware of the ethical issues involved
- Learn how to present an argument in court and improve your advocacy skills.

## PRESENTERS

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### *Sandra Grant, Barrister, Auckland*

Sandra is a senior commercial and civil litigator with significant experience across many aspects of the law. She appears regularly in all of the higher courts and her practice covers a broad spectrum of commercial and civil disputes. Sandra has made and defended a wide variety of summary judgments, including some that have been finally determined in the Supreme Court.

### *Roderick Joyce QSO QC, Auckland*

Rod commenced practice as a barrister in 1975 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1985. For 20 years he was a District Court judge. Rod taught Civil Procedure at the University of Auckland Law School for 22 years. He was a Teaching Fellow and remains an Honorary Academic at the University. He is General Editor of a prominent Australian civil procedure and practice journal, and General Editor of a standard New Zealand text on civil procedure.

### *Adrian Olney, Barrister, Wellington*

Adrian joined the Independent Bar in 2017, after 20 years of private practice, the last 10 of which were as a litigation partner at Russell McVeagh. He has led matters across a range of civil and regulatory litigation, including contractual, securities and property disputes, admiralty and international trade, judicial review, and Waitangi Tribunal claims.

### *Nikki Pender, Barrister, Wellington*

Nikki has more than 25 years' experience as a litigator and advocate, representing private sector clients and regulatory agencies in general civil, competition, coronial inquests and public law cases. Nikki is also founding director of a trans-Tasman business, Legal Empowerment, which delivers witness familiarisation and expert witness training services.

### *Pru Steven QC, Christchurch*

Pru joined the Independent Bar in November 2008, having been a partner of Goodman Steven Tavendale & Reid. She was called to the Inner Bar in 2014. Pru has extensive experience in resource management and local government law.

### *James Wilding QC, Christchurch*

James has been in practice since 1993 and at the Bar since 1996. He was called to the Inner Bar in 2018. James has been counsel to assist in the District, High and Supreme courts and the Pike River Royal Commission. He is the Convener of the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

<b>LEARNING OBJECTIVES</b>	You will understand how to prepare for and conduct a civil trial. You will know how to organise case materials and draft various court documents.	
<b>FORMAT</b>	Presenters will take you through lectures, discussions and preparing the documents in groups. Participants will present their individually drafted oral submissions on day two.	
<b>WHO SHOULD ATTEND</b>	Recently admitted practitioners and those in their first two to three years of practice.	
<b>FEE (Incl GST)</b>	NZLS members \$749 and NZLS Associate members; Non-members \$809. Fee includes all materials and catering. Limited financial assistance may be available through the Douglas Wilson Advocacy Scholarship Trust. <b>See back page.</b> Note: Numbers are limited so register early.	
<b>MATERIALS</b>	Participants will be sent a set of materials in advance.	
<b>TIMING</b>	Day 1: 8.30am – 5.30pm	Day 2: 9.15am – 4.15pm

# REGISTRATION

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**Note: Applications for all sessions close at 5.00pm Wed 2 September.**

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