

CHAIR



Patrick Walsh, Principal, John Paul College, Rotorua

In addition to being a principal, Patrick is also a qualified lawyer. He is the author of *Educational Management and the Law* and co-author of *Schools go to Court* (Pearson Education). He is also a former President of The Australia New Zealand Education Law Association (NZ Chapter), a member of SPANZ, and a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Education Council.

SPEAKERS



Andrew Greig, Manager Teacher Practice, Education Council, Wellington

Andrew manages the conduct and competence area of the Council, which include the Disciplinary Tribunal, the Complaints Assessment Committee and Competence investigations. Previously, Andrew was a lawyer at a law firm based in Wellington and practised in various areas including employment law. He also has significant management and leadership experience from his time serving as an officer and pilot in the Royal New Zealand Air Force. Andrew flew several different aircraft types and was a pilot in the Red Checkers aerobatic team. He also completed two operational tours, one in Somalia and another with the United Nations in the Middle East.



John Hannan, DLA Piper, Auckland

John specialises in employment law, education law and commercial litigation. John has appeared in leading employment law cases in the Employment Court and Court of Appeal. He has acted for many Boards of Trustees and their insurers on employment, governance, privacy, human rights and student discipline matters handled many. He leads the DLA Piper employment law team and is a Council member of Manukau Institute of Technology. He is a sitting Member of the Disciplinary Tribunal.



Michael Hargreaves, Chief Legal Advisor, WorkSafe, Wellington

Mike joined the Department of Labour's legal team in 2002 as a solicitor, becoming a senior solicitor in 2006. In these roles, he prosecuted many cases under the Health and Safety in Employment Act, including the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre following the Mangatepopo canyoning tragedy in 2008. Mike became the Director Litigation for the Department of Labour in 2009. He was previously in private practice in Taranaki, undertaking criminal, family and civil litigation.



Richard Harrison, Harrison Stone, Auckland

Richard works with secondary principals through the Secondary Principals Association as well as advising and representing Boards of Trustees in relation to a range of student issues: enrolment, fees, discipline, privacy, human rights and stand-downs/suspensions. He has also been counsel in a number of leading cases in the High Court and Court of Appeal which addresses the student discipline procedures under the Education Act. These decisions have been instrumental in the redrafting of current guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education.

SPEAKERS



Simon Judd, Barrister, Auckland

Simon is an Auckland barrister practising civil litigation. He worked in law firms in Auckland and London and as an in-house lawyer for one of the large accounting firms in London before commencing practice as a barrister sole in November 2003. He has represented a wide range of clients in relation to civil disputes of all kinds in the mainstream courts and in specialist tribunals.



Andrew Scott-Howman, Port Nicholson Chambers, Wellington

Andrew was an employment law partner at Bell Gully between 2003 and 2008, following which he was a partner in the Crown Solicitor's Office in Wellington from 2009 to 2012. He went to the independent bar in February 2012. He has represented clients in a wide variety of industries and has advised private sector employers, Crown Entities, individual employees and unions. He has particular expertise in mediation, and has acted as advocate at all levels (including the Employment Relations Authority, the High Court, the Employment Court and the Court of Appeal).



Gretchen Stone, Harrison Stone, Auckland

Gretchen specialises in employment and education law. She works with secondary principals through the Secondary Principals Association of New Zealand (SPANZ) and with primary principals as the Honorary Solicitor for Auckland Primary Principals Association (APPA). Gretchen has considerable experience advising principals and Boards of Trustees in relation to all manner of employment and disciplinary issues, governance and management, student issues, and all areas of legal liability within the education sector.

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