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Faumui Penelope Ginnen (Lope), Halcyon Chambers, Auckland

Lope is a barrister specialising in family law, particularly child representation in the Family Court. She balances her legal practice with corporate governance work. She is an independent director and chairperson of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Whai Maia Limited, the hapū's tribal development company; a trustee of Emerge Aotearoa, which provides services to people affected by disability, mental illness or alcohol and other drug addictions; and a director of Vaka Tautua, a “by Pacific for Pacific” health support service provider. She is a trustee of Brainwave Trust Aotearoa, a charity that raises awareness of brain research about the impact of early experiences on infant and adolescent brain development. She is a member of the community advisory group of the Alcohol and other Drug Treatment Courts and the independent advisory group to Precision Driven Health.

SPEAKERS



Vicki Ammundsen, Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law, Auckland

Vicki is a trust practitioner. She has an appreciation of the issues that confront older clients in the context of and interaction between estate planning, residential care subsidy concerns, relationship, family and trust related issues.



Catherine Atchison, Partner, Martelli McKegg, Auckland

Catherine has wide experience in wills, trusts and estates, as well as an increasing elder law practice. She is an executive member of STEP and has presented papers for NZLS CLE on trusts, estates and elder law issues.



Henry Brandts-Giesen, Partner, Kensington Swan, Auckland

Henry is an experienced corporate and commercial lawyer and has a strong understanding of fiduciary risk having acted for both institutional and private trustees in numerous major transactions in New Zealand and overseas. He is one of a few lawyers in New Zealand to have experience and expertise in the new reporting regimes (FATCA and the Common Reporting Standard) to which financial institutions are now subject.

SPEAKERS



Theresa Donnelly, Ministry of Social Development, Auckland

Theresa is a Senior Solicitor with the Ministry of Social Development and is a specialist in Social Security law. She graduated from Auckland University in 1991 and has worked in several private practice litigation areas as well as in-house counsel within the public sector. Theresa took employment as a senior solicitor for the Ministry of Social Policy in 2000 (subsequently MSD). She has presented webinars and seminars for a variety of professional groups including the ADLS and NZLS CLE.



Isaac Hikaka, Partner, LeeSalmonLong, Auckland

Isaac has particular expertise in disputes involving interactions between trusts and other areas of the law, including complex relationship property claims and international trust disputes. He regularly appears in cases in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.



Simon Mitchell, Barrister, Auckland

Simon is a barrister based in Auckland. He specialises in acting for unions and employees with a special interest in bargaining issues.



Sue Petricevic, WorkSafe NZ, Auckland

Sue Petricevic is the Principal Legal Advisor, Litigation, for WorkSafe New Zealand. She joined WorkSafe shortly after it was set up as the Health and Safety Regulator for New Zealand, following the need for change after the Pike River tragedy. Sue has been involved in and overseen the prosecution of many cases under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Prior to this, she was a Crown Prosecutor at Meredith Connell (the Crown Solicitor's Office, Auckland), taking a range of diverse criminal matters to trial. Sue started off her working life as a scientist, and regularly appeared in court as an expert witness in forensic science.



Mary Joy Simpson, Partner, Hesketh Henry, Auckland

A specialist in trust and estate planning law, Mary Joy regularly reviews and provides advice on personal asset management plans. She is experienced in navigating issues arising for clients and families as they put in place, and act under, enduring powers of attorney. Mary Joy has previously presented for NZLS CLE on trust drafting and ADLSi on enduring powers of attorney.

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Penny Swarbrick, Partner, SBM Legal, Auckland

Penny has extensive experience in all aspects of employment law, and in the course of her career has worked in the health and safety area both as a prosecutor and defence lawyer. In her practice her clients include major corporates, smaller companies, government agencies, and individuals. She regularly advises on health and safety matters, on issues ranging from how to comply with the law through to dealing with the aftermath of a workplace accident or incident.



Matthew Tetley-Jones, Partner, McVeagh Fleming, Auckland

Matthew graduated from the University of Auckland and was admitted to the bar in 1988. He worked in civil, family and criminal litigation in his early days, first with McVeagh Fleming and then as a barrister in the 1990s. In 2000 he joined Tetley-Jones Thom Sexton, then under the leadership of his father Maurice Tetley-Jones. He continued as a general litigator and appeared as junior counsel in *Ladstone Holdings Limited v Leonora Holdings Limited* [2006] NZLR 211, a case dealing with alleged misrepresentation in relation to the sale of land. In 2006, he moved into transactional work and took over as principal at Tetley-Jones Thom Sexton. In 2011 he joined McVeagh Fleming as a partner. He now deals with sale and purchase of land, property law, trusts, wills, relationship property, elder law and occasionally a bit of intellectual property. He no longer appears in court as counsel but has been a defendant, in his capacity as executor in a Family Protection Act case – *Webb v Tetley-Jones* [2014] NZFC 1036.



Bryce Town, Partner, Morrison Kent, Auckland

Bryce is a Partner in the Auckland Office of Morrison Kent. He has over 30 years' experience in both commercial and private client property work. Bryce is also the current Convenor for the Auckland District Law Society's Property Law Committee and has been for the last 8 years. In that role, he has participated in numerous stakeholder consultations with Government Departments and the preparation and presentation of submissions to Parliamentary Select Committees for property related legislation.

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