

## CHAIR



### **Thomas Gibbons, McCaw Lewis, Hamilton**

Thomas is a specialist property lawyer, with a focus on land development and land governance. His recent work includes subdivisions, development agreements, complex land covenant and easement issues, redevelopments, District Plan issues, consent appeals, and local government property. Thomas has special interests in unit titles, land covenant issues, and the application of property tools to planning matters. He has qualifications in law and planning, and is the author of *Unit Titles Law and Practice* (2nd ed, 2015), and *A Practical Guide to the Land Transfer Act* (LexisNexis, Wellington, 2017). Thomas is a member of the NZLS Property Transactions Committee, and sits on the board of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors.

## SPEAKERS



### **Bronwyn Carruthers, Russell McVeagh, Auckland**

Bronwyn is an environmental law specialist, with expertise in all aspects of resource management and environmental law, as well as public and local government law. She brings considerable knowledge to her role in assisting developers and infrastructure providers obtain all necessary approvals for their projects under the Resource Management Act 1991. Bronwyn has a particular interest in resource management litigation. She has extensive experience before the Environment Court and has also appeared in the higher appellate Courts a number of times, including the Supreme Court of New Zealand.



### **Ian Jespersen, Burton Partners, Auckland**

Ian is an experienced property, real estate and trust legal advisor. He has undertaken a wide range of work for both corporates as well as high net worth clients on matters such as development land acquisition, commercial and residential developments (high rise, green field and brown field) dealing with infrastructure funding arrangements with territorial authorities as well as disposals (sell down and leasing) and the restructuring of holdings. Ian also advises on wealth holding structures and general trust matters and has a wide range of experience in telecommunications leasing and licensing matters. He also has considerable experience in dealing with Public Works Act acquisition issues. Prior to joining Burton Partners, Ian worked in London with a large city based firm representing major commercial developers and telecommunications interests and had previously worked in senior roles with one of New Zealand's leading law firms.

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### **Bill Loutit, Simpson Grierson, Auckland**

Bill is a partner in the firm's local government and environment group and one of New Zealand's leading public sector lawyers. He is a leading litigator and an expert in alternative dispute resolution in the environmental, resource management, and local government fields. Bill specialises in infrastructure and urban renewal projects. He has led projects involving roads, wastewater, recreational facilities like art galleries and events centres, and urban renewal projects including housing and social housing. The projects he has been involved in are some of the largest in New Zealand. Recent examples of his work include:

- America's Cup 36 and the associated infrastructure to hold the event in 2021
- Fletchers – the Three Kings Quarry redevelopment involving 1200–1500 houses and extensive open space network
- Tamaki Redevelopment Company – an urban renewal project involving 800 hectares, converting 2500 social housing into 7500 houses
- Three large projects in Auckland creating communities of between 650 and 2,500 houses.



### **Kerry O'Donnell, Anderson Lloyd, Queenstown**

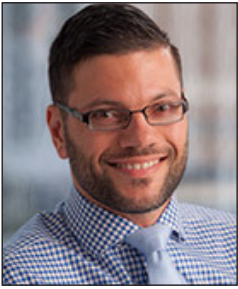
Kerry qualified with LLB (Hons) in 2002. She has been private practice in Queenstown with Anderson Lloyd since then, with a specialty property practice working mainly in the project development area and has worked on some of the varied and iconic subdivisions and developments in the Queenstown Lakes area. Kerry really enjoys the challenges of working in this area, and the wide diversity of clients, work and issues that this area of law brings. She has been on the Executive Committee of the Property Law Section for three years and has just been re-elected for a further three years. Kerry is also on the Lawlink Board and the board of Anderson Lloyd.



### **Lauren Semple, GreenwoodRoche, Christchurch**

Lauren practises in all areas of resource management law, specialising in large-scale urban development projects as well as consenting in the resources sector. She is considered a leader in post-quake consenting in Canterbury, recently assisting the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority in the development of the Christchurch Central Business District Recovery Plan and Land Use Recovery Plan and acting on major Christchurch anchor projects. Lauren has acted for a range of private and public sector clients, consenting a number of high profile, complex development projects – including the Dunedin and Christchurch stadiums and the two largest residential subdivisions in the South Island. She also has valuable experience in the consenting of mining projects and related compliance issues.

## SPEAKERS



### **Damian Stone, Kahui Legal, Wellington**

Damian (*Ngati Kahungunu*) has been in corporate and private practice since 1997 and specialises in commercial law. Prior to joining Kahui Legal he spent 10 years working for a large national law firm, and was General Counsel for the Treaty of Waitangi Fisheries Commission. Damian regularly advises on legal structures, contracts and mergers and acquisitions. He advises a number of clients on a range of commercial matters and has extensive experience in the establishment of limited partnerships, joint ventures and the negotiation of commercial contracts. Damian has managed a number of merger and acquisition projects, including undertaking and reporting on due diligence and negotiating sale and purchase agreements. He is also a recognised expert on all Treaty of Waitangi matters and has acted for numerous iwi in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown. Damian has also helped establish, and continues to advise, a number of Māori entities that receive and manage a variety of assets. Damian regularly appears in the Māori Land Court.



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