

## 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), the current President of the Secondary Principals Association of NZ and a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the NZ Teachers Council.

## SPEAKERS



### **Carol Anderson, Nielsons Lawyers, Auckland**

Carol is a former educationalist (secondary teacher, head of department, Education Review Officer, researcher) who is now a lawyer with an interest in education law, and public law and policy. She currently works as a civil and commercial litigator with Neilsons Lawyers and also works as a consultant to schools on governance and management issues with School Governance Solutions Ltd.



### **Christine Chilwell, Principal, McElroys, Auckland**

Christine specialises in insurance, education and employment law, and has considerable experience advising school boards of trustees and management on employment issues, governance and management, student issues and all areas of legal liability. She has appeared frequently in the Employment Relations Authority and Employment Court, as well as before the courts at district, high and appellate level. Before becoming a lawyer, Christine taught languages in secondary schools.



### **John Hannan, Partner, DLA Phillips Fox, Auckland**

John specialises in employment law, education law and commercial litigation. Until 1988 he was a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law, Auckland University. John has appeared in leading employment law cases in the Employment Court and Court of Appeal and regularly acts for primary and secondary schools and tertiary education providers.



### **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.



### **Paul Rishworth, Auckland University, Auckland**

Paul has a long standing interest in the law of human rights in schools, as well as in legal questions about schools' liability in negligence and under various statutes. He is a co-author of the OUP text *The New Zealand Bill of Rights 2003*, and has written and presented seminars on education law since the beginning of the Tomorrows School regime in the early 1990s. He was foundation President of ANZELA in New Zealand, and has been a consultant on human rights issues to a number of governmental agencies.



### **Gretchen Stone, Harrison Stone, Auckland**

Gretchen specialises in employment and education law and provides a broad range of advice for clients in those areas. She acts for schools and tertiary institutions on legal issues affecting them, including employment issues with staff, student disciplinary issues, privacy, interactions with parents and commercial negotiations and disputes. Gretchen also provides employment law advice to both employers and employees and has recently been involved in issues regarding casual employment contracts, restraints of trade, redundancy and performance management. She also assists clients to negotiate and draft employment contracts.

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