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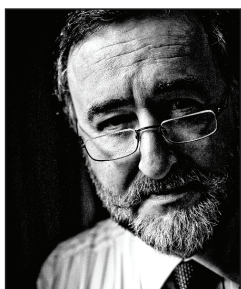
Neil is a partner in Buddle Findlay's tax practice and has over 25 years experience as a tax and finance practitioner in England and New Zealand. He has extensive experience in advising banks, New Zealand and foreign corporates, funds and other investors on cross-border and domestic transactions, and is a member of the NZLS Tax Committee.

SPEAKERS



Peter Boyce, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Auckland

Peter is the managing partner of the Auckland office, as well as a tax partner with a major focus on corporate restructures, mergers and acquisitions and international tax issues across a range of industries and sectors. He was a member of the National Tax Committee of NZICA for a number of years and is an experienced seminar presenter.



Geoff Clews, Barrister, Auckland

Geoff specialises in tax. He is an experienced tax litigator who advises clients in contentious tax matters, representing them with the Inland Revenue and before the Courts in both criminal and civil jurisdictions. Geoff is a longstanding member of the NZLS Tax Committee, the New Zealand branch of the International Fiscal Association, the International Bar Association Tax Committee and the American Bar Association Foreign Lawyers Forum on tax issues. He is an adjunct member of the faculty of the Commercial Law Department at Auckland University, co-presenting the Masters module on tax disputes.



James Coleman, Barrister, Wellington

James specialises in all forms of tax litigation. He has had over 20 years of tax litigation experience having appeared in over 140 reported tax cases in that time, including in the Supreme Court and Privy Council. James has just published the second edition of his text on tax avoidance law in New Zealand.



Jo Giboney, Buddle Findlay, Auckland

Jo is a senior member of Buddle Findlay's tax team. She advises domestic and foreign clients on the New Zealand income tax and GST consequences of a broad range of transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, inbound and outbound investment, and corporate restructurings. Jo regularly assists clients with tax disputes and negotiations with the Commissioner, and with tax investigations, binding and non-binding ruling applications and tax risk reviews.

SPEAKERS



John Hart, Barrister, Auckland

John has specialised in tax and trust law for 29 years. He provides tax and trust advice to a wide range of New Zealand and offshore corporate and private clients. The majority of his work is cross-border/international in nature. John is a frequent presenter at conferences in New Zealand and internationally, and has authored numerous publications on tax and trust law issues.



Joanne Hodge, Bell Gully, Auckland

Earlier this year Joanne returned to Bell Gully as a tax partner in the Auckland office after a five-year absence including two years in Sydney with her family. She has had almost 30 years of specialist tax experience and advises on all aspects of corporate taxation for public and private companies and financial institutions. Joanne advises on investment in New Zealand for non-residents, trans-Tasman tax issues, corporate reorganisations and joint ventures involving either New Zealand or foreign participants in the acquisition of assets.



Una Jagose, Crown Law Office, Wellington

Una is the Deputy Solicitor-General, for the Crown Legal Risk Group. Una joined Crown Law as Crown Counsel in 2002, and became a team leader in the Public Law group in 2007. Before that Una was Chief Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Fisheries. She has a wealth of experience representing the Crown in courts at all levels, and advising Ministers and public sector organisations on a range of public law and constitutional matters. Una teaches the public law module for the Masters in Public Policy Course at VUW's School of Government.



Greg Knowles, KPMG, Auckland

Greg leads the KPMG tax, mergers and acquisitions practice and China practice. He has an excellent reputation for his technical skills and problem solving. Much of Greg's work is for inbound foreign direct investment in New Zealand business assets and infrastructure projects, including Public Private Partnerships.



Alastair McKenzie, GST Consultant, Auckland

Alastair is author of the book *GST – A Practical Guide*. He has lectured at Masters level on GST and written numerous articles on the tax and has presented at leading conferences. He operates a GST consultancy practice.

SPEAKERS



Juliet Moses, TGT Legal, Auckland

Juliet specialises in trusts, personal asset planning and superannuation and is a regular presenter of seminars on issues arising in those areas, including at the NZLS Trusts conference in 2011 and 2013, the NZLS Death and the Law Intensive in 2012, and at STEP and NZICA events. She also published a chapter in the CCH 2011 edition of the *Master Trusts Guide on the Termination and Insolvency of Trusts*.



Greg Neill, Russell McVeagh, Auckland

Greg is a Senior Associate in the firm's Tax group and advises on all aspects of New Zealand tax law. He specialises in mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, financing and capital markets transactions, derivatives, and general corporate tax. Greg also has extensive experience in the context of tax investigations and disputes and in obtaining binding rulings for clients.

Greg spent several years in London at Linklaters LLP where he worked primarily on tax and regulatory capital based financing transactions.



Graeme Olding, Chapman Tripp, Auckland

Graeme is a tax partner advising on corporate tax and GST matters. Graeme has provided GST advice on a range of numerous mortgagee sale, liquidation, receivership and distressed debt situations as well as lobbying for legislative change and addressing GST consequences of group restructuring.



Casey Plunket, Chapman Tripp, Auckland

Casey has extensive experience in the tax aspects of corporate acquisitions, mergers and restructurings, both on-shore and cross-border. He has advised US, UK and Australian investors in particular on structuring their NZ direct investment. Casey has been particularly involved in electricity, forestry and telecommunications. More recently, he has participated in structuring managed and private equity funds, and in designing tax-effective investment products.



Martin Smith, Inland Revenue Department, Wellington

Martin joined Inland Revenue in 1995, when the Adjudication & Rulings group (the predecessor to the Office of the Chief Tax Counsel) was established. The Office of the Chief Tax Counsel contains the Taxpayer Rulings and Public Rulings Units (which provide binding rulings and interpretation statements on taxation matters), the Adjudication Unit (which reviews and determines proposed tax assessments that are subject to dispute), and the Escalations and Advising Unit (which determines internally escalated matters and provides technical advice not covered by the other three units).

SPEAKERS

Graham Tubb, Inland Revenue Department, Wellington



Graham is Group Tax Counsel, Legal and Technical Services in the Inland Revenue Department. He joined Inland Revenue in 2003 as National Legal Advisor. Before this he was a partner at a large New Zealand law firm, specialising in tax. Some of the key projects he has worked on include the Department's approach to care and management, avoidance and penalties, the dispute rules and the introduction of national special interest groups to LTS. Graham is a member of the Technical Governance Committee and the National Rulings Committee.

Fred Ward, Russell McVeagh, Auckland



Fred is an extremely experienced and highly regarded tax specialist. He is an expert in all tax matters, but his practice has a particular focus on corporate finance work, mergers and acquisitions and structured investment products. Fred has been a partner with Russell McVeagh since 1995.

Tony Wilkinson, Buddle Findlay, Auckland



Tony is a partner in Buddle Findlay's national taxation team. He assists clients in tax disputes and also advises on the New Zealand income tax and GST consequences of a broad range of transactions. Tony is a regular public speaker and has presented on a number of tax issues for both the NZLS and the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

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