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The Hon Justice Denis Clifford, High Court, Wellington

Justice Denis Clifford graduated LLB (Hons) from Victoria University of Wellington in 1978. He joined the Wellington law firm Buddle Anderson Kent & Co, leaving in 1980 to take up a position as Visiting Fellow at the University of Illinois Law School. Justice Clifford returned to New Zealand to work for Buddle Findlay becoming a partner in 1986. From 1998 to 2000 he was on secondment from his law firm as a member of the Policy Advisory Group in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Justice Clifford joined the independent bar in 2002. He took appointment to the High Court Bench in April 2006 and is based at the Wellington High Court.

SPEAKERS



Karen Feint, Barrister, Wellington

Karen is a barrister at Thorndon Chambers in Wellington. She has extensive experience acting in Māori / Treaty legal issues before the Waitangi Tribunal and the Courts. Karen has appeared in some significant recent cases in the appeal Courts, including *Haronga v Waitangi Tribunal* and *Proprietors of Wakatu v Attorney-General*.



Antony Gough, Hereford Holdings Ltd, Christchurch

Antony Gough is a property investor turned developer, is Chairman of the Christchurch City Business Association, and Managing Director of Hereford Holdings Ltd. He is currently developing Christchurch's first major rebuild project, 'The Terrace', a dynamic mixed use development on the iconic Oxford Terrace site.



Professor Bruce Harris, University of Auckland, Auckland

Bruce has been a Professor of Law at the University of Auckland since 1994, having taught previously at the University of Otago and practised as a litigation lawyer. He has published widely in public law including articles in the *Law Quarterly Review*, *Cambridge Law Journal* and *Public Law*.



Professor Philip Joseph, University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Philip is Professor of Law at the University of Canterbury. He is the author of *Constitutional and Administrative Law in New Zealand* (4th ed, Thomson Reuters, Wellington, 2014), and wrote the *Administrative Law* and *Constitutional Law* titles for *The Laws of New Zealand*. As a Consultant with Russell McVeagh, Philip has advised Government departments, parliamentary select committees and corporate and private clients.

SPEAKERS



David Rutherford, Chief Human Rights Commissioner, Wellington

David became Chief Human Rights Commissioner in 2011 and prior to that he was the managing director of the Special Olympics Asia Pacific. He was chief executive of the New Zealand Rugby Union and has worked as a sport and commercial lawyer at Bell Gully and Gibson Sheat, as well as lecturing in law at Victoria University. David is a passionate advocate for sport and promoting the rights of people with disabilities, and also has strong community links with young people and education.



Jonathan Salter, Simpson Grierson, Wellington

Jonathan is the leader of Simpson Grierson's Local Government and Environment team in Wellington. He has been an advocate of local Government interests for more than 25 years and is strategic legal adviser to several major councils.



Lauren Semple, Greenwood Roche Chisnall, Christchurch

Lauren practises in all areas of resource management law with a specialisation in large-scale urban development projects for a range of private and public sector clients. She has consented a number of high profile and complex development projects including both the Dunedin and Christchurch stadiums. Lauren has extensive experience working in post-quake Canterbury and has assisted CERA in the development of the CBD Recovery Plan and the Land Use Recovery Plan.



Matthew Smith, Barrister, Wellington

Matthew is a barrister at Thorndon Chambers in Wellington. His main area of practice is civil and commercial litigation, with a particular focus on public law. Matthew has special expertise in judicial review, and does a variety of work in this area for individuals, entities of many kinds, public sector bodies, industry groups and NGOs. He is also the author of the *New Zealand Judicial Review Handbook* (Thomson Reuters: 2011).

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