

## CHAIR



### **Justice Susan Glazebrook, Supreme Court, Wellington**

Justice Susan Glazebrook is a judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. She has a longstanding interest in human rights, including gender issues. From 2002 to 2010, she was a member of the Advisory Council of Jurists for the Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions and is currently a Board member of the International Association of Women Judges. In 2014 Justice Glazebrook was appointed a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the judiciary.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



*The first woman to lead a Global 100 law firm.*

### **Mary Cranston - One of “The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America”**

Mary is an influential pioneer of gender diversity in the workplace. She is a Retired Senior Partner and immediate past chair of US-based multinational law firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. In her eight years as Chair she also achieved, among other things, top-10 rankings among American law firms for women and minority partners through the introduction of innovative diversity and work-life programmes. Mary is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Among her many honours she has been named one of “The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America” by the National Law Journal and in 2005 was the recipient of the Margaret Brent Award, the American Bar Association’s highest award for women lawyers given for legal excellence and for paving the way for other women lawyers.

## SPEAKERS



### **Judge John Adams, District Court, Waitakere**

John is a Family Court judge, scholar, teacher and writer. His book Briefcase (AUP, 2011) won the Jessie Mackay Award for Best First Poetry Book. Some of his short story collection The Elbow Stories (Steele Roberts, 2013) is written in female voices. That and the coincidence of the launch with International Women’s Day encouraged Associate Professor Lisa Samuels, who launched it, to then describe John as an honorary woman. Without abandoning his own gender, John hopes to honour the appellation.



### **Ann Brennan, MBIE, Wellington**

Ann has held her current position since May 2013. At MBIE she works with a talented and committed legal team of over 70 people supporting a fascinating and varied business. Ann has had a career of two halves, first in private practice with two commercial law firms and then in-house with Westpac and as General Counsel of Public Trust where she was responsible for the legal, risk, compliance, regulatory affairs and customer quality functions and was a member of the Executive Team.

## SPEAKERS



### **Alastair Carruthers, Kensington Swan, Auckland**

Alastair was appointed as CE in early 2013 after more than 20 years' experience leading and advising major New Zealand commercial organisations. He graduated from Victoria University in 1985, studied writing at North Carolina State University, strategic planning at Cornell University and professional services firm leadership at Harvard Business School. Alastair is a member of the Institute of Directors, and has completed the IOD Certificate of Company Direction. He was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to arts governance in the 2014 New Year's honours.



### **Lady Deborah Chambers QC, Barrister, Auckland**

Deborah was admitted to the bar in 1983, commenced practice as a barrister sole in 1989 and took silk in 2007. She specialises in relationship property law, trusts, estates and fiduciary duties. Her work in this area includes complex cases frequently involving international property. Deborah is also experienced at representing clients in mediations. She is the co-author of the best-selling handbook on domestic property law and estate law *For Richer For Poorer* and also a co-author of the *New Zealand Master Trusts Guide*.



### **Linda Clark, Kensington Swan, Wellington**

Linda joined the public law and litigation teams in Wellington as a special counsel. Formerly one of New Zealand's leading political journalists, Linda has a unique combination of legal and communications skills, together with an in-depth understanding of the New Zealand political environment. She can bring to bear legal, government relations, and strategic communications skills to deliver practical solutions to public law and regulatory issues. Linda is mother to 12 year old twin boys.



### **Rachael Dewar, Rachael Dewar Law, Wellington**

Rachael is a family law specialist with 25 years experience. In 2010 she started her own firm after 12 years as a part-time partner in a mid-sized firm in Wellington, running the family law team. Rachael is a member of the NZLS Wellington branch Council and was previously vice-president. She is on the Wellington branch Women in Law and Family Law Committees and regularly organises and presents at seminars. She is an experienced mediator and Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) mediator. Rachael has two teenage children.



### **Deputy Chief Judge Caren Fox, Māori Land Court, Tairāwhiti & Waiariki**

Judge Fox was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal and Māori Land Court in 2000, and Deputy Chief in 2010. She was also appointed as an alternate Environment Court judge in 2009. Prior to her first appointment as a judge, she was an academic, a human rights specialist, and also acted as legal counsel for Treaty claimants and Māori land clients. She is currently the presiding officer for the Porirua ki Manawatū claims and the New Zealand Māori Council Waitangi Tribunal urgency.

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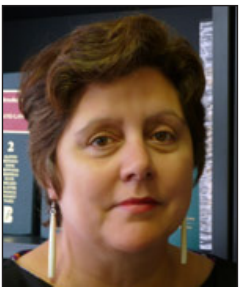
### **Theresa Gattung, Entrepreneur, Auckland**

For eight years Theresa was CEO and Managing Director of Telecom New Zealand, leading Telecom through the evolution of the business from a traditional Telco to the number one IT provider in New Zealand. Since leaving Telecom, Theresa has written her best-selling autobiography *Bird on a Wire* and chaired companies in both New Zealand and Australia including AIA Australia. She recently co-founded My Food Bag with Cecilia Robinson and Nadia Lim. The company has grown quickly and is now also in Australia. Theresa is involved with a number of not-for-profit and philanthropic interests.



### **Rachel Hayward, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Wellington**

Rachel spent ten years as a litigator with Kensington Swan, and ten years working as a senior legal and policy adviser with the Law Commission. From 2012 to July 2014 she was General Manager Law Reform & Sections at the NZLS. At different stages, Rachel's working life has included full-time, flexible and contract work arrangements, allowing her to accommodate (with varying degrees of success) family and community commitments, and an interest in writing fiction and non-fiction for children.



### **Prue Kapua, Tamatekapua Law, Auckland**

Prue established her own practice in 2001 specialising in resource management, Waitangi Tribunal, health, human rights and employment law, particularly for Maori and Pacific clients. She co-authored "A Womens Perspective of the Bill of Rights" and the ADLS's "Equal Employment Opportunities Kit for Law Firms." She was a member of the 1987 ADLS Working Party on the Position of Women in the Profession; a member of the Judicial Working Group on Gender Equity and a member of the NZLS Women's Consultative Group.



### **Jane Meares, Barrister, Wellington**

Jane was a commercial partner with Bell Gully, managed the legal team at the Department of Internal Affairs and was the Treasury Solicitor for a number of years. In 2012 she returned to private practice and joined the independent bar. Jane has been involved with the International Festival of the Arts and the Royal New Zealand Ballet, being nominated to the RNZB honours board for her work there. She currently chairs the Ballet Foundation of New Zealand and has a number of other governance roles.



### **Chris Moore, Greenwood Roche Chisnall, Auckland**

Chris enjoys a significant national and international profile as one of New Zealand's leading real estate lawyers. He has over 35 years' experience, extending across a range of industry sectors, local government and public law, including overseeing the drafting and review of various pieces of legislation. Chris is passionate about the issue of women's status in the legal and other professions and sees their equitable advancement as essential to the economy and well-being of New Zealand.



## SPEAKERS



### **Judge Stephanie Milroy, Māori Land Court, Hamilton**

Judge Stephanie Milroy was appointed to the Māori Land Court for the Waikato–Maniapoto district in 2002 and in May 2010 was appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal, giving up the post in May 2014. Formerly, she was a senior lecturer in law at Waikato University and prior to that worked in practice. Judge Milroy has considerable knowledge of Treaty and Māori legal issues and has spoken about and published numerous articles on Māori topics.



### **Sarah Owen, Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation, Auckland**

Sarah joined the Guardians in 2007 as its first in-house counsel from Westpac/BT Funds Management where she was senior legal counsel/company secretary for the Westpac wealth management companies. Prior to this Sarah was a Senior Associate at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, and before that DLA Phillips Fox, specialising in funds management/superannuation and commercial law.



### **Cathy Quinn, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Auckland**

Cathy is chair of Minter Ellison Rudd Watts. She is also a corporate and commercial lawyer and leads its mergers & acquisitions and private equity teams. Cathy served on the Securities Commission for nine years and was a member of the Capital Markets Development Taskforce. She is a member of the commercial advisory board to the Treasury and on the Executive Board of the NZ China Council. Cathy was awarded Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman (New Zealand) in 2010.



### **Vicky Robertson, New Zealand Treasury, Wellington**

Vicky is an internationally experienced executive with a background in law and economics. Among her professional accomplishments are leading strategic reviews of the United Nations Development Programme, New Zealand's Climate Change policy, and KiwiSaver. Vicky is passionate about diversity as a critical value-adding factor in high performing organisations and is a champion for transparency and accountability in the state sector, and inclusive growth. She speaks regularly at business and industry forums, and leads the Treasury's programme to develop stronger relationships with Māori.



### **Mary Scholtens QC, Barrister, Wellington**

Acting predominantly in the commercial public law area since commencing practice in 1982, Mary took silk in 2002. She is a member of the New Zealand Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal. Mary has been involved in many continuing education activities, particularly in the public law and litigation skills area. She has written and spoken widely on good decision-making processes and administrative law litigation. She recently led a small professional development group for women lawyers.

## SPEAKERS



### **Gaye Searancke, MBIE, Wellington**

Gaye's legal career included time in private practice; as a Crown prosecutor; and in-house at a Crown Entity and two Government Departments. She was Director Legal at the Ministry of Economic Development before moving out of law into Deputy Secretary roles in MED. Gaye is currently a Deputy Chief Executive in MBIE leading the Labour and Commercial Environment Group. In September she will join ACC's Executive Team as Chief Governance and Strategy Officer.



### **Sarah Simmers, Anderson Lloyd, Dunedin**

Sarah is a Partner in Anderson Lloyd's Commercial team. She advises on a range of corporate law matters, including business acquisitions and divestments, drafting and advising on commercial contracts, and providing legislative compliance advice. Recent work includes acting for CRT Co-operative on its merger with Farmlands, creating a co-op with turnover of more than \$2 billion p/a, and acting for Skeggs Group on its sale of Pacifica Shipping to Swire. New Zealand Lawyer magazine recognised Sarah in its 2014 Hot List. Sarah presents guest lectures for the University of Otago's Advanced Company Law and Banking Law classes.



### **Cecilia Tarrant, Fletcher Building Ltd., Auckland**

Following a career in law and banking which began in New Zealand and continued in the US and the UK, Cecilia has been building a career in governance. She is Deputy Chairman of the Government Superannuation Fund Authority, a trustee of The University of Auckland Foundation, a member of the University of Auckland Council and serves on a number of smaller for profit and not-for-profit boards and committees. Cecilia is an Executive-in-Residence at the University of Auckland Business School where, among other things, she leads a Women's Mentoring Programme.



### **Nick Wells, Chapman Tripp, Auckland**

Nick specialises in corporate structuring for Māori, Private Equity, businesses and charities. He is a Teaching Fellow in Law at the University of Auckland and teaches Iwi Corporate Governance and Commercial Transaction papers. Nick is a trustee of KiwiAde (a New Zealand charity helping Namibian children in need), Chairman of the Advisory Committee to Knox Investment Partners and assists a number of community organisations.



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