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John is a specialist adviser in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, takeovers, securities law, competition law, joint ventures and general corporate and commercial matters. Clients include ASX and NZX listed entities, as well as privately owned companies, both local and foreign. John has been Convenor of the NZLS Business and Commercial Law Reform Committee and continues to be involved in commercial law reform. He regularly speaks at conferences and seminars in New Zealand and Australia on corporate and commercial law topics. John's curiosity will often get the better of him, resulting in research of peculiar legal issues for no particular reason.

SPEAKERS



Michael Arthur, Chapman Tripp, Auckland

Michael is a partner at Chapman Tripp and co-leads their restructuring and insolvency practice. He regularly acts on commercial and property disputes with a particular emphasis on the finance sector. Michael represents and advises insolvency practitioners and creditors on all aspects of insolvency processes.



Josh Blackmore, Chapman Tripp, Auckland

Josh specialises in corporate and commercial transactions, with a focus on M&A and securities law. He advises clients on a broad range of corporate and commercial matters including mergers and acquisitions, capital raisings, corporate governance for listed and unlisted entities, and commercial agreements. Josh has advised a range of public and private sector organisations across industries including electricity, gas, telecommunications, transport and agribusiness.



Katrine Evans, Hayman Lawyers, Wellington

Katrine first got hooked on privacy law before the Privacy Act was passed. For ten years, she pursued her love of the subject as a lecturer in the Law Faculty at Victoria University of Wellington, and also specialised in torts and media law. In 2004, she became Assistant Privacy Commissioner and was the Commissioner's legal counsel until June 2015. As well as providing advice to the complaints investigation team, she represented the Commissioner in the Human Rights Review Tribunal and in other courts (including the Supreme Court). She managed the policy and technology team giving a wide range of advice to government and business and advising on the privacy law reform proposals. For many years, she was also the communications manager, producing a variety of guidance material for the public, schools and businesses.



John Fisk, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Wellington

John is a Chartered Accountant and leads the PwC National Restructuring practice providing advice on a broad range of insolvency restructuring and monitoring assignments in New Zealand. He has more than 25 years' experience specialising in business recovery services, working with banks, government, creditors and directors dealing with difficult business issues to get the best possible results. John works with all sizes of business from SME's to multi nationals with the ability to adapt the scope of work to suit most circumstances.

SPEAKERS



Julie Fowler, Simmonds Stewart, Auckland

Julie is a Partner at Simmonds Stewart, specialising in capital raising transactions and private M&A, as well as general corporate and commercial advice. Julie has advised many New Zealand high growth technology companies and investors on their capital raising and investment activities. A large number of those capital raising transactions have been undertaken using the Schedule 1 Exclusions to the FMCA and Julie is familiar with the intricacies of the exclusions.



Julian Long, Lee Salmon Long, Auckland

Julian is with Lee Salmon Long, an Auckland based litigation firm that specialises in commercial disputes. He has extensive experience in commercial, corporate and trade practices litigation, and acts for a range of clients in disputes before courts, regulatory panels, arbitral tribunals and in mediations. Julian has been a contributing editor to Butterworth's publication, Cross on Evidence.



Colin Magee, Financial Markets Authority, Auckland

As Head of Conduct Colin leads the team at the FMA that oversees capital markets conduct and infrastructure, including licensed product markets, primary and secondary market conduct, crowd funding/peer to peer lending and auditors. Colin joined the FMA in April 2013 and was previously general counsel of a London-based investment bank. He started his career as a lawyer at Clifford Chance and has since spent 15 years working in the finance sector. Colin has extensive experience in banking and securities law as well as business restructuring and corporate governance.



Brent McAnulty, TVNZ, Auckland

Brent leads the TVNZ Legal and Corporate Affairs team which is responsible for legal compliance, risk management, governance, broadcasting standards, external media and government relations. He is also the Company Secretary for Television New Zealand Limited and its subsidiaries.



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Joshua Pringle, Chapman Tripp, Auckland

Joshua specialises in corporate and securities law, focusing on mergers and acquisitions. He advises clients on a wide range of transactions including takeovers, negotiated mergers and acquisitions, equity capital markets, private equity and restructurings. He also advises clients on commercial matters, such as joint ventures, and on regulatory matters, including issues arising under the NZX Listing Rules, the Takeovers Code and the overseas investment regime.

SPEAKERS



Catherine Reid, Barrister, Wellington

Catherine Reid is a specialist in New Zealand's foreign investment regime, including the Overseas Investment Act 2005 and the Overseas Investment Office ("OIO") consent process. Catherine developed her expertise at the OIO where she was a senior solicitor and team manager. In 2015 Catherine returned to private practice and is now assisting investors obtain OIO approvals. Prior to joining the OIO in 2011, Catherine was a senior solicitor at a national commercial law firm.



Megan Richards, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Wellington

Megan is an experienced lawyer who acts for both public and private sector clients in relation to all aspects of health and safety, public and employment law matters. For example, Megan advises clients in relation to medical incapacity and medical retirement terminations, workplace accidents (including WorkSafe investigations and prosecutions), health and safety policies, managing risks arising from activities outside the school classroom and asbestos removal, and assisting clients to comply with their health and safety obligations. Megan provided employment and health and safety advice, as part of a specialist team of advisors, to the Directors and Officers of Pike River following the explosion at Pike River's coal mine.



Gillian Service, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Auckland

Gillian has extensive experience in the full spectrum of health and safety issues. She helps boards of directors manage health and safety risks by providing proactive compliance advice, workshops and education programmes on directors duties and drafting company policies and procedures. This interacts with other aspects of her clients' businesses including workplace participation (particularly in unionised workforces), drug and alcohol policies and issues related to drug testing in the workplace. Gillian also provides emergency strategic advice during high profile and sensitive situations. She has experience with Coronial Inquests, accident scene advice, Worksafe investigations, subsequent prosecutions and communicating with all stakeholders and media as necessary.



Rob Sloan, Financial Markets Authority, Auckland

Rob is the FMA's manager of the 'Capital Markets Disclosure' team. This team is responsible for the risk assessment and review of disclosure information for issuers' primary and ongoing disclosure relating to offers of debt, equity, managed investment products and derivatives, both listed and unlisted, that affect retail investors. Rob is an experienced lawyer having worked for major NZ, UK and US law firms whilst advising NZ, UK and international clients in relation to M&A, private equity and public equity transactions and energy, transport and defence projects.



Michael Wigley, Wigley and Company, Wellington

Michael is an ICT lawyer in private practice, representing IT companies, telcos and ICT customers. He has a focus on complex disputed issues in ICT.

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