

CHAIR



Stephanie Marsden, Canterbury Chambers, Christchurch

Stephanie has practiced as a lawyer since 1989. Before joining the independent bar in November 2011, she worked for larger Christchurch firms. Her practice is almost exclusively in resolution of relationship property disputes involving high value assets, complex asset ownership structures and estate claims. Stephanie is a member of the New Zealand Law Society Family Law Section advisory panel making submissions on law reform. She has presented seminars for the Canterbury Westland Branch of the New Zealand Law Society.

SPEAKERS



John Bergamasco, Marsh Ltd, Wellington

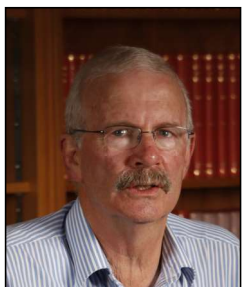
John is head of the Marsh cyber specialty for Marsh New Zealand, responsible for the direction and assistance of current and prospective clients in understanding, evaluating and managing cyber risks and exposures.

Prior to joining Marsh, John has held positions of Associate Director for Grant Thornton New Zealand, Director for Information Security/CISO for a prominent US-based law firm, Senior IT Audit Manager for the third largest retail bank in the UK, and several senior IT audit and information security audit roles in public accounting and the United States Federal Government.



Barry Ching, Clear View Legal, Christchurch

Barry is an experienced lawyer with a demonstrated history of working in a variety of law practices. He has ten years experience as locum and contract lawyer. Barry is skilled in conveyancing, trusts, wills, estates, relationship property, EPA's, practice management and business development.



Malcolm Ellis, New Zealand Law Society, Christchurch

Malcolm joined the Canterbury District Law Society as Executive Director in 1994. He became the Canterbury-Westland branch manager in 2008 when the District Law Societies folded into the NZLS. Since 2008, as well as his branch manager position, Malcolm has also for a period of time, held the position of Acting Complaints Manager. He now holds the position of Deputy Complaints Manager.



Nigel Grant, Christchurch City Council, Christchurch

Nigel is the Team Leader for Environmental Health. The team is responsible for a range of issues including Health Nuisances, Noise, and Contaminated Land. During his seven years with Council he has been involved in several complex issues involving contamination of properties. Nigel has had extensive involvement with Public Health during his career and has worked in a variety of settings in both Local Government and Public Health Units which included managing the Southern DHB Public Health Unit. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health from the Otago School of Preventative and Social Medicine.

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Richard Hern, Wynn Williams, Auckland

Richard has a well-earned reputation for his highly developed technical skills in insurance law and litigation/dispute resolution. He is recommended and recognised by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2017 for his work in Insurance law. He is also recognised as a Leader in his field by Chambers Asia Pacific 2018 legal rankings.



Jeff Kenny, Wynn Williams, Christchurch

Jeff has 30 years' experience in trust law. He is a member of the Wills and Trusts Committee and a member of the Trusts Law Review Working Group of the NZLS Property Law Section. Jeff is also a co-convenor of the Canterbury/Westland Branch of the CAANZ Trusts Special Interests Group and a member of STEP. He is a contributing author of New Zealand Conveyancing Law and Practice published by CCH New Zealand and a contributing author of Equity and Trusts in New Zealand published by Thomson Reuters. Jeff is a previous presenter at the NZLS CLE Trusts Conference.



Ken Lord, Parry Field Lawyers, Christchurch

Ken's focus is on Property and Personal law including trusts and asset planning with strong interests in issues relating to the charitable sector, assisting the elderly and charitable trusts. He is also a Notary Public and one of the authors of the LexisNexis Law of Trusts, having written and reviewed the chapter devoted to charity law, as well as chapters in the LexisNexis publication The Law and Practice of Charities in New Zealand.



Tim Mackenzie, Canterbury Chambers, Christchurch

Tim has a mixed background of experience including as a senior crown prosecutor and in a senior role in a national firms litigation team. His particular litigation interests are general civil and commercial, professional negligence and discipline, employment law, and regulatory criminal matters (particularly health and safety and transport/aviation).



John Mackintosh, Consultant, Christchurch

John has been a partner in three law firms and acted as consultant to others, from national partnerships to sole practitioners. He has previously chaired the NZLS Practice Management Committee, and is a past president of the Canterbury District Law Society.

SPEAKERS



Fleur McDonald, Harmans, Christchurch

Fleur is an Elder Law specialist and leader of the Elderly Services and Seniors Department. She deals with all areas of property, asset protection and estate planning with a particular speciality in helping seniors and their families.



Andrew Nuttall, Bradley Nuttall Limited, Christchurch

Andrew co-founded Bradley Nuttall with Jacob Wolt and Dave Bradley in 1994. He has BSc from the University of Canterbury and a diploma in Business Studies – Personal Financial Planning from Massey University. Andrew has served on the Canterbury committee of the IFA (Institute of Financial Advisers) for more than 15 years.



Andrew Simpson, KPMG, Christchurch

Andrew leads the South Island Advisory team in Christchurch. He has more than 20 years' experience in IT Auditing, IT Consulting, Internal Audit and risk management. He specialises in helping businesses with their strategic systems initiatives and has worked on many complex IT projects in the UK, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. He also advises businesses on their cyber security defences and controls. He has worked across multiple business sectors and works closely with business leaders to help fuel their success.



Philip Strang, New Zealand Law Society, Christchurch

Philip left the NZ Police in 1985 and has been a Chartered Accountant since 1988. His work experience was initially in a “big 5” company, dealing mainly with insolvency practice, then he spent most of his time in forensic assignments including statutory management and SFO prosecutions. Philip joined the Inspectorate in 2003. He also presents the NZLS CLE Stepping Up course and occasional seminars.



Anne Toohey, Barrister, Christchurch

Anne is a barrister specialising in civil litigation, employment law, regulatory law and health law. Over the past 18 years, she has appeared in all New Zealand courts including the Supreme Court.

Anne graduated from the University of Otago in 1996 and worked initially in civil litigation in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. From 2000 until May 2011, Anne practised as a civil litigator and Crown Prosecutor with Raymond Donnelly & Co. From May 2011 to January 2013, She was a Crown Counsel at the Crown Law Office in Wellington.

SPEAKERS



Ben Walker, Barrister, Christchurch

Ben is an experienced commercial/ civil litigation specialist. He has 13 years' experience in private practice in a law firm context and as in-house counsel, both in New Zealand and Australia, and joined the independent bar in August 2015. He has recently developed significant expertise in relation to earthquake insurance claims, both commercial and residential.

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