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Dan is an experienced advocate with over 27 years' litigation experience, specialising in construction, insurance, commercial and property litigation. He is a highly experienced negotiator and participant in mediations. Since 2001, when his firm was established, Dan and his team have represented over 500 multi-unit and stand-alone leaky building owners and acted for developers, builders, materials suppliers, engineers and others involved in these disputes. The firm acts for the plaintiff group in a major product liability class action against a cladding manufacturer.

SPEAKERS



Janine Bonifant, Brandon Street Chambers, Wellington

Janine has had over 25 years' experience as a litigator with a focus on criminal law, having prosecuted and defended many trials in the District and High Courts. In addition to criminal defense work, She also represents clients before a range of tribunals and courts and taught at IPLS. Janine has been a faculty member on the NZLS CLE Litigation Skills Programme since 2006 and was Director in 2013 and 2017.



Dr Andrew Butler, Thorndon Chambers, Wellington

Andrew obtained his BCL from University College Dublin, his LLM from Osgoode Hall, Toronto and PhD from the European University Institute, Florence. From 1991-1999, he taught in the Law Faculty at Victoria University, specialising in equity, trusts, restitution, human rights and public law. Between 1999-2005, Andrew was Crown Counsel working in the Human Rights Team at the Crown Law Office. He was at Russell McVeagh from 2005 until 2018, becoming a partner in 2007. Andrew joined Thorndon Chambers in September 2018. He has written extensively here and abroad on human rights and public law, and is the general editor of *Equity and Trusts in New Zealand* (2nd ed, Brookers, Wellington 2009).



Dr Jonathan Coates, Claro, Christchurch

Following an early career in criminal law and civil litigation, Jonathan has specialised in health law since the late 1990s, practising and studying in the UK and obtaining a PhD in health law. After seven years as a litigation partner at Buddle Findlay, practising almost exclusively in the health sector, he left in mid-2012 to set up Claro. Jonathan's litigation and advisory practice covers the provision, regulation, funding and management of health services. He works closely with District Health Boards, private providers, insurance companies and professional indemnifiers, statutory regulators, aged and primary care providers, NGOs, professional colleges and associations, government departments, and many other health sector organisations. Jonathan regularly appears in the courts, and before specialist tribunals.

SPEAKERS



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James specialises in all forms of tax litigation and advice. He has had over 28 years' tax experience, 12 of them at the independent bar. James acts for a wide range of clients, from very high net worth individuals, to insurers, accountants, lawyers and business people. He is the author of a text book on the law of tax avoidance in New Zealand. James lectures at the Auckland University on tax matters as a guest lecturer and regularly appears in court.



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With 42 years in practice, John is a highly respected specialist in all aspects of property law including office/retail developments and leasing; construction contracts, and project and property management agreements. He is Editor of the New Zealand Property Lawyer and moderator for the New Zealand Council of Legal Education for property law and equity and succession law university papers. John has a long involvement in property law reform and has presented at Select Committee hearings and at numerous NZLS CLE Ltd seminars.



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