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Jane Meares, Clifton Chambers, Wellington

Jane is a commercial barrister, with a wide range of public and commercial experience. Before joining the independent bar she was the chief legal adviser at the Treasury, the Treasury Solicitor. Jane currently advises public and private sector clients on a range of commercial and public law matters, including on the interpretation and application of public sector statutes, as well as assisting with the development of legislation and the negotiation of complex commercial transactions. She has undertaken a number of independent enquiries and reviews, and, along with a number of other governance roles, is currently the Chief commissioner of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission.

SPEAKERS



Hannah Cameron, State Services Commission, Wellington

Hannah grew up in Nottingham, has an MA in social and political sciences from the University of Cambridge and spent the first part of her career in London as part of the UK Government's Fast Stream programme. She joined the State Services Commission in April 2018, having previously held the role of Deputy Chief Policy Officer at the Ministry of Health.



John Edwards, Office of the Privacy Commissioner, Wellington

John was appointed to the independent statutory position of Privacy Commissioner in February 2014 for a term of five years. Prior to his appointment, John practised law in Wellington for over 20 years, specialising in information law while representing a wide range of public and private sector clients. For 15 years, he held a warrant as a district inspector for mental health and has also been a district inspector for intellectual disability services.



Madeleine Larcy, Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, Wellington

Madeleine began a three-year term as Deputy Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS) in September 2017. Immediately before this role, she was Director of the Public Defence Service. Madeleine's experience also includes 15 years with Crown Law, including leading the Criminal Law team.



David Lemmon, Office of the Auditor-General, Wellington

David leads the team responsible for carrying out inquiries for the Auditor-General and has been involved in the development of the process for performing that function. Before joining the Office of the Auditor-General in 2018, he was a Crown Counsel in the Public Law group at Crown Law providing tax and commercial representation and advice to Government Departments and crown agencies.

SPEAKERS



Rachel Roff, Thorndon Chambers, Wellington

Rachel's main area of practice is civil and commercial litigation, with a particular focus on public and administrative law, tax litigation, child support, debt, customs and employment law. Prior to joining the independent bar, she spent over eight years at the Crown Law office in the Revenue Team (previously the Tax and Commercial Team), spending her last 12 months there as Acting Team Leader.



Mary Scholtens QC, Stout Street Chambers, Wellington

After working in government and at Crown Law, Mary joined the independent bar in 1996, continuing a broad public and commercial law practice. She took silk in 2002 and practises from Stout Street Chambers, Wellington.



David Shanks, Office of Film and Literature Classification, Wellington

As Chief Censor, David is the Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Board of the OFLC. He has been in the role since May 2017. David was previously Director of Health and Safety at the Ministry of Education and Deputy Chief Executive and acting Chief Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Social Development.



Lynell Tuffery Huria, AJ Park, Wellington

Lynell (Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine) is Special Counsel at AJ Park, and works with a diverse range of clients from around the world, but has a particular focus on indigenous law, protecting cultural icons, including guiding clients on the clash between our intellectual property laws and mātauranga Māori.



Melanie Webb, Office of the Auditor-General, Wellington

Melanie joined the Office of the Auditor-General in October 2015. She heads the Office's Legal Group, which provides legal advice and support across all aspects of the work of the Office of the Auditor-General and Audit New Zealand. The Legal Group has particular responsibility for managing the conduct of inquiries carried out by the Auditor-General and also administers the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

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