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Rachael Dewar, Rachael Dewar Law, Wellington

Rachael established Rachael Dewar Law in 2010. She was a partner for 12 years at Tripe Matthews & Feist of Wellington, leading the Family Law team, and has 29 years' experience specialising in this area. Rachael has expertise in all aspects including relationship property, pre-nuptial agreements, parenting and relocation, adoption and surrogacy arrangements.

As a senior Lawyer for Child and an accredited FDR (Family Dispute Resolution) Mediator she has many years of hands-on experience in the court mediation role. Rachael is a long-standing member of the Wellington branch Family Law Committee of the NZLS and is currently on the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the NZLS.

KEYNOTE AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



Ita Buttrose AC OBE, Australian Media Icon, Sydney, Australia

Ita Buttrose AC OBE is a truly exceptional Australian: a legendary media trailblazer, businesswoman, best-selling author, committed community and welfare contributor and former Australian of the Year.

A renowned journalist, Ita has smashed through the glass ceiling throughout her career. Her accomplishments include being the founding editor of Cleo, the youngest ever editor of The Australian Women's Weekly and the first woman to ever edit a major metropolitan newspaper in Australia as Editor-in-Chief of the Sydney Daily and Sunday Telegraphs as well as the first female director of News Ltd Australia.

She balances her high profile role with her many charitable responsibilities including work with Dementia Australia and the Macular Disease Foundation. In the Queen's Birthday Honours this year she was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for her service to the community through leadership in the media, the arts, the health sector and as a role model.



Robyn Bradey, RB Counselling & Consultancy Services, Sydney, Australia

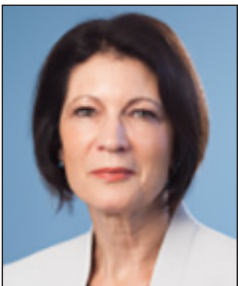
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Dr Rob George, University College London and Harcourt Chambers, London, England

Rob is a leading expert on international family law, particularly in relation to relocation disputes, child abduction, jurisdiction, and international and domestic surrogacy cases. Alongside his practice at Harcourt Chambers, he holds the position of Associate Professor of Family Law at University College London, teaching family law and children's rights, as well as conducting research into the family justice system. Rob joined UCL in 2014 after eight years at the University of Oxford, first as a Lecturer and then as a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow. He completed his DPhil in Family Law in 2010, after doing an Undergraduate degree in Law and a Master's degree in Social Policy. Rob sits on the International Family Justice Committee and is the author of numerous books and articles on family law, including OUP's *Family Law: Text, Cases and Materials* (4th edition, 2019) and *Relocation Disputes: Law and Practice in England and New Zealand* (2014).



Her Honour Judge Jacquelyn Moran, Principal Family Court Judge, Wellington

Her Honour Judge Jacquelyn (Jackie) Moran was appointed a Family Court Judge in 2003 and became Principal Family Court Judge in November 2018. She is New Zealand's fifth Principal Family Court Judge and the first woman appointed to the role since the Family Court's establishment in 1981.

Judge Moran graduated LLB in 1979 and was admitted to the Bar in 1980. She practised for 23 years mainly in family law in Ōtāhuhu, Whanganui, and Invercargill. When appointed a District Court Judge with a Family warrant Judge Moran was assigned to Christchurch. For six years she was the Administrative Family Court Judge for the Southern Region, and for a brief period in 2014 she served as Acting Principal Family Court Judge. She has been a member of Canterbury Family Justice Network and took an active role in designing and rolling out nationally the Early Intervention Process to deal efficiently with Care of Children Act 2004 proceedings. In 2013-2014 she was a judicial member of the working party on Family Court reforms introduced at that time.



Professor Bruce Smyth, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Bruce has worked as a social scientist in the area of family law for the past 25 years. Last year, he received the Stanley Cohen Distinguished Research Award in Washington from the American Association of Family & Conciliation Courts (AFCC) in recognition of outstanding research and research achievements in the field of family and divorce. He has published widely in the area of family law, especially on post-separation parenting, and loves attending NZLS CLE conferences.

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Amy Bayliss, Atticus Chambers, Christchurch

Amy has practised as a family lawyer since 2009. She has particular interest in property and estates and is a contributing author to *Westlaw Family Law – Family Property and Family Procedure*.



Margaret Casey QC, Barrister, Auckland

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Ophir Cassidy, Manukau Law, Auckland

Ko Hikurangi te maunga, Ko Waiapu te awa, Ko Ngati Porou te iwi. Ophir specialises in family law with particular interest in care and protection matters. She is a Lawyer for Child and a Youth Advocate.



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John-Luke has worked mainly on the review of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976, since 2016.

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Alison Douglass, Barrister, Dunedin

Alison has 30 years' experience in health and disability law, and is appointed by the Family Court and appellate Courts to represent people with impaired capacity.



Dominic Dravitzki, Malley & Co, Christchurch

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Erin Ebborn, Portia, Christchurch

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Nigel is the General Manager and Director of Area Mental Health Services for three DHBs. He is a Fellow of the New Zealand College of Clinical Psychologists.



Antonia Fisher QC, O'Connell Street Barristers, Auckland

Antonia specialises in relationship property, trusts and estate litigation. She often assists with complex s 21 agreements.



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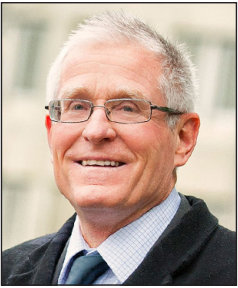
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Mark is a Professor of Law at the University of Auckland law school specialising in family law.



Henry Herman, Rice Craig, Auckland

Henry is a specialist family lawyer with 13 years' experience and leads the Family Law Team at Rice Craig Lawyers.



Caroline Hickman, Barrister and Mediator, Napier

Caroline specialises in family, property, youth law and mediations and is on the Executive Committee of the NZLS Family Law Section.



Dr Anna High, University of Otago, Dunedin

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SPEAKERS



Deb Inder, Central Mediation, Wanaka

Deb is a Barrister and Mediator. Her doctoral thesis topic is: *The Voice of the Child in the Context of the New Zealand Family Justice System*.



Erin Judge, Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children, Wellington

Erin (Ngāti Tūwharetoa) leads a team of 105 lawyers and legal assistants as Kaihautū Ture – Chief Legal Officer.



Greg Kelly, Greg Kelly Law, Wellington

Greg has 35 years' experience in wills, trusts and estates. He is on the Wills and Trusts Committee of the NZLS Property Law Section, and is a member of STEP.



Nichola Lambie, Law Commission, Wellington

Nichola worked on the review of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976 from 2016 to its completion in 2019.



Helen McQueen, Law Commission, Wellington

Helen is the Lead Commissioner on the three-year review of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976.



Corin Merrick, Mānuka Chambers, Auckland

Corin (Tainui, Ngāti Whare) is a family lawyer and youth advocate in Tāmaki Makaurau. She is passionate about te reo Māori and is a graduate of Te Panekiretanga o Te Reo (the Institute of Excellence in the Māori Language).

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Dr Fiona Miller, University of Otago, Wellington

Fiona's doctoral research was entitled: *Children's competence to consent to medical, surgical and dental treatment: Partners in Healthcare?*



Johan Niemand, Niemand Peebles Hoult, Hamilton

Johan has practised predominantly in family law since his admission in 2005. He has particular interest in Family Court practice and procedure.



Rosslyn Noonan, University of Auckland, Auckland

Rosslyn chaired the Independent Family Court Review Panel, is the part-time director of the NZ Centre for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice, and works internationally as a senior consultant.



Her Honour Judge Sharyn Otene, District Court, Hamilton

Judge Otene (Ngāpuhi) was appointed to the District Court bench in 2015 and sits in the family, youth and criminal jurisdictions.



Her Honour Judge Emma Parsons, Family Court Waitakere, Auckland

Judge Parsons was appointed in 2016 and sits in the Family Court and Alcohol and Other Drugs Court at Waitakere, Auckland.



Dr Ayesha Scott, AUT, Auckland

Ayesha is an interdisciplinary researcher, whose ongoing projects explore the impact of financial and economic abuse in intimate partnerships.

SPEAKERS



Dr Jacqueline A. Short, CCDHB and University of Otago, Wellington

Jackie is Clinical Director of the Central Regional Forensic and Rehabilitation Mental Health Service and Deputy Chair of the Family Violence Death Review Committee.



Dr Emily Street, NZ Defence Force, Wellington

Emily is a UK trained Clinical Psychologist who specialises in adult mental health.



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