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Caroline was admitted to the Bar in August 1991. She initially practised in Gisborne before moving to Wellington in 1999. She joined Wellington Family Law as a partner in 2002, and went to the independent Bar (along with the other partners in the firm) in October 2019. Caroline has extensive past experience in most areas of practice, but has specialised exclusively in family law since 2002.

SPEAKERS



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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 defence 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.



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Kate is an experienced intellectual property lawyer and registered patent and trade mark attorney in New Zealand and Australia.



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John was appointed to the independent statutory position of Privacy Commissioner in February 2014. He is currently serving his second five-year term. Prior to his appointment, John practiced law for over 20 years, specialising in information law while representing a wide range of public and private sector clients.



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Carolyn is an employment law and dispute resolution specialist. She is a qualified and experienced mediator. Carolyn regularly represents clients in employment disputes, in mediation and before disciplinary tribunals, the Employment Relations Authority and the Employment Court. She has more than 20 years' experience in the practice and theory of alternative forms of dispute resolution, including mediation, facilitation and negotiation.

SPEAKERS



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Aimee is a senior associate with Gibson Sheat specialising in Trusts and Relationship Property. Prior to that, she was working for a central city law firm on specialist trust work. Aimee has a background in family law and spent some years in litigation before moving to private client work.



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James is a litigator who specialises in insolvency law, helping creditors and insolvency practitioners with businesses in financial distress. He leads Dentons' restructuring and insolvency team based in Auckland.



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Letizea is the Principal at Ord Legal. She has a general practice including conveyancing, wills, trusts, estates and undertakes tribunal work, relationship property cases and specialises in criminal law. Letizea has 30 years' experience as a lawyer.



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Penelope was admitted to the Bar in 1990. She has extensive experience in employment law in the private and public sectors, and dispute resolution including commercial disputes. Penelope also has a related involvement in health law including medico-legal work. She has appeared in the Employment Relations Authority and Employment Court, the High Court as counsel, and as second counsel in higher courts.



Tim Stuart, Mayne Wetherell, Wellington

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