

CHAIR



Sir Ron Young, New Zealand Parole Board, Wellington

Sir Ron was appointed chair of the New Zealand Parole Board in August 2018. He retired as a Judge of the High Court in 2015 after a total of more than 27 years as a judge including 14 years' service on the High Court Bench. Before that he had been the Chief District Court Judge, the list Judge for many years in the High Court Wellington and as President of the Electoral Commission from 2000 to 2003.

SPEAKERS



Andrew Bailey, Barrister, Christchurch

Andrew specialises in criminal, parole and mental health law. A substantial part of his work is appellate related. He regularly appears before the New Zealand Parole Board and has a particular interest in Extended Supervision Orders (ESOs) as well as Public Protection Orders (PPOs). Andrew's ESO related work extends to judicial reviews and applications for the cancellation of ESOs.

Hannah Bentley, Principal Advisor Rehabilitation and Learning, Department of Corrections, Ara Poutama Aotearoa, Wellington

Prior to her current role with Corrections, Hannah worked as an advisor in the Education Programmes Team and then moved into Case Management. She holds a Master's Degree in Criminology which explored female prisoner reintegration, focusing on women's lives before, during and after imprisonment.



Janine Bonifant, Barrister, Brandon Street Chambers, Wellington

Janine commenced practice in the Taranaki, before moving to Hamilton where she was recruited as a Crown Prosecutor. She then moved to take up the deputy's role at the then new Tasman Crown Solicitor's office before switching back to defence work as the Deputy Public Defender for Wellington. Janine has chosen to return to the independent Bar and brings with her a wealth of experience in the public and private sectors. Janine has also served on a number of New Zealand Law Society committees.



Sally Carter, Partner, Luke Cunningham Clere, Wellington

Sally is an experienced advocate appearing for the Crown in serious criminal prosecutions in the District Court, High Court and Court of Appeal. She also appears before the Parole Board on behalf of Corrections. Sally advises and appears for a number of regulatory bodies, the Commissioner of Police in proceeds of crime applications and professional bodies before disciplinary tribunals. She is an external moderator for the Institute of Professional Legal studies. Sally is also a member of the Serious Fraud Office Panel of Prosecutors. Before joining the team she worked as a crown prosecutor in the South island. Previously Sally was a Barrister in England where her practice comprised predominantly of criminal cases (both prosecution and defence) as well as undertaking work in public and family law.

SPEAKERS



Sue Earl, Barrister, Auckland

Sue was the first lawyer to act only for prisoners and she set the pathway for other lawyers to consider specialising in parole law. She was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor to the High Court of New Zealand in 1997 and has practiced primarily as a criminal defence barrister since that time. Sue has 14 years extensive experience representing prisoners who have appeared before the New Zealand Parole Board. This includes parole applications, recall hearings, postponement orders, extended supervision orders and applications for orders that the offender not be released before the applicable release date. Sue has a background in teaching with a BA majoring in Women's Studies and Social Policy. She is a member of the NZLS Wellington Branch Parole Law Committee.



Judith Fyfe, Barrister, Auckland

Judith was admitted in 1997 and has practised primarily as a specialised forensic lawyer in private practice. Since 2008 she has represented prisoners on matters relating to parole before the New Zealand Parole Board. Judith has a background in journalism and broadcasting and was a member of the Copyright Tribunal (Judicial) from 2005-2010. She is a member of the NZLS Wellington Branch Parole Law Committee.



Dr Peter Johnston, GM Research and Analysis, Department of Correction, Ara Poutama Aotearoa, Wellington

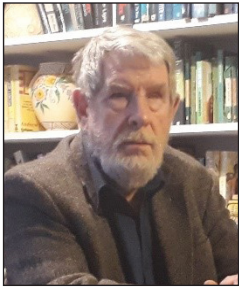
Dr Johnston has been with the Department of Corrections for just over 30 years. As a Departmental psychologist he was involved in setting up the Kia Marama special treatment unit at Rolleston Prison in 1989. He then moved to the Prison Service, where he was involved in setting up prisoner assessment centres, overseeing offender rehabilitation programmes, and designing an end-to-end case management system. In his current role as GM Research and Analysis (since 2004) he leads a team of ten staff who undertake research and evaluation, and in-depth analysis of criminal justice data, to shed light on trends in the offender population, measure the impacts of rehabilitation, and support new policy initiatives.



Topia Rameka, Deputy Chief Executive, Māori, Department of Corrections, Ara Poutama Aotearoa, Wellington

Topia has significant expertise in corporate and iwi governance, the development of Māori enterprise, utilities and natural resource management, and holds strong relationships with iwi business and key stakeholders. He was a member of Corrections' Māori leadership board, Te Poari Hautū Rautaki Māori, which worked alongside frontline staff, service providers, academics and other Māori experts to assist in the development of the final Hōkai Rangi strategy.

SPEAKERS



David Riley, Psychologist, Wairarapa

David worked for four decades as a psychologist in Corrections, including 10 years as Director of the Service. In addition to programme design and evaluation of psychological treatment, he initiated and co-led (in collaboration with the Mathematics Department of Canterbury University) the research which provided Corrections with its computer-scored risk measure (RoC/RoI). He also worked on developing a risk measure of sex offender recidivism. David has authored book chapters and papers in journals on these subjects, both locally and overseas.



Julia Robertson, Barrister, Quay Legal, Wellington

Julia was admitted in 2011 after graduating from Victoria University of Wellington and gained experience in criminal and family law in firms and as in-house counsel. In August 2017 she joined Quay Legal as a Barrister Sole and now specialises in criminal defence and parole work. Julia is a member of the NZLS Wellington Branch Criminal Law Committee and is the Convenor of the NZLS Wellington Branch Parole Law Committee. In her defence work she often appears in the Family Violence Court in Porirua and has a strong sense of the broader social justice issues facing those who come into contact with the court.



Sarah Saunderson Warner, Barrister, Dunedin

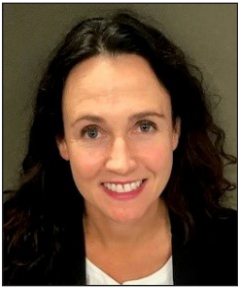
Sarah was admitted in 2002 and commenced her legal career employed as a Barrister by a prominent Queen's Counsel. She joined Aspinall Joel in 2004 and entered the partnership in 2006. In 2015, Aspinall Joel merged with Gallaway Cook Allan and Sarah commenced practice as a Barrister. Her focus is now on criminal law and she represents clients in all areas of criminal law, from pleas in mitigation to jury trials and appeals, and prisoners appearing before the New Zealand Parole Board. Sarah is a member of the Otago Southland Community Response Forum, the NZLS Criminal Law Committee and is a Faculty Member for the NZLS CLE Litigation Skills Programme. She is a regular guest lecturer at the University of Otago Faculty of Law.



Dr Jeremy Skipworth, Forensic Psychiatrist, Auckland

Dr Skipworth is a forensic psychiatrist, who also works at the Mason Clinic in Auckland where he was Clinical Director from 2010-2019. He has clinical experience in both acute and rehabilitation forensic settings, as well as in prisons and the community. He was Deputy Director of Mental Health at the Ministry of Health from 2003-2007. Dr Skipworth has lectured on medico-legal report writing, giving expert evidence, and applying the law to mental health issues. In 2011 he completed his PhD in capacity based mental health law, and has published in international journals relating to his particular areas of interest, which include risk assessment, rehabilitation, and mental health law reform. He was appointed to the New Zealand Parole Board in 2008, and since that time has principally been involved in hearings concerning indefinitely sentenced prisoners.

SPEAKERS



Dr Juanita Smith, Principal Advisor Psychology Practice, Office of the Chief Psychologist, Department of Corrections, Ara Poutama Aotearoa, Wellington

Dr Smith is the Principal Advisor Psychology Practice for Ara Poutama Aotearoa/ Corrections. She is a clinical psychologist with extensive experience in forensic risk assessment, mental health and neuropsychology settings. She has written (and supervised) reports for the New Zealand Parole Board (NZPB), District and High Courts. She presently oversees Health Assessment reports for the Courts and has produced guidance to the psychology field on risk assessment and communication, assessment of murder and provision of neurocognitive reports to the NZPB.



Lucy Smith, Barrister, Auckland

Lucy graduated from Auckland University in 2006 with an LLB, and was admitted to the Bar in February 2007. She was initially an employed barrister working with Jeremy Sutton in Manukau, and then was employed by the Public Defence Service in the Manukau and North Shore offices from October 2008 to August 2011 before going to the independent Bar. Between March 2014 and December 2016 Lucy worked at the New Zealand Law Society (Legal Standards Officer, Lawyers Standards Committee) and as an employed barrister in a firm. She returned to the independent Bar in January 2017 and specialises in criminal defence and parole work. Lucy's office is in Albany on the North Shore, Auckland.

Michael Starling, Barrister, Christchurch

Neville Trendle, Panel Convenor, New Zealand Parole Board, Wellington

Neville has been a member of the Parole Board since May 2008. He is a former Assistant Police Commissioner (2000-2001) and barrister with 40 years' experience working in and around the criminal justice system..

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