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Prior to her appointment to the High Court bench Karen specialised in public law litigation, first as Crown Counsel in the Crown Law Office, then as Deputy Solicitor-General (Public Law). Karen took silk in 2007. She is a past member of the New Zealand Council of Legal Education, the New Zealand Council of Law Reporting and the NZLS Legislation Committee. Karen retired from her role as a High Court Judge in 2021 and has returned to the bar.



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SPEAKERS



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Matthew has a broad public and commercial law practice, encompassing regulatory, Māori, human rights and environmental law, with special expertise in judicial review and the use of public law tools to achieve meaningful outcomes for clients. He works across the entire range of public law and has acted for public sector bodies, individuals, entities of many kinds, industry groups and NGOs. Matthew has appeared in all of the higher courts, and in a number of specialist courts and tribunals including the Waitangi Tribunal and the Māori Land Court. He is also the sole author of the *New Zealand Judicial Review Handbook*, a comprehensive text on judicial review in New Zealand that is now in its second edition.



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