

CHAIR



Margaret Casey KC, Barrister, Auckland

Margaret commenced as a barrister sole in 1992, specialising in family law and was appointed Queen's Counsel in July 2015. She is a trained mediator and has undertaken many complex mediations involving relationship property in trust and estate disputes. Margaret taught the relationship property course at the University of Auckland, Faculty of Law and regularly presents at seminars and conferences in New Zealand and overseas.

SPEAKERS



Emma Armstrong, Lee Salmon Long, Auckland

Emma is a litigation and dispute resolution lawyer. She acts in a range of civil litigation matters and has particular experience and expertise in complex relationship property and trust disputes.



Amanda Bradley, Duncan Cotterill, Christchurch

Amanda leads the national family law team at Duncan Cotterill. With over 17 years' experience in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, she specialises particularly in complex relationship property matters which involve an interplay with trusts and companies.



Sharee Cavanaugh, Greg Kelly Trust Law, Wellington

Sharee advises in relation to trusts and estates disputes, and regularly represents parties to disputes at mediation and in the Family and High Courts. She also advises executors and trustees of their obligations in the conduct of litigation.



Isaac Hikaka, Mills Lane Chambers, Auckland

Isaac (Ngāruahine, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Tūwharetoa) has particular expertise in the interaction between trusts and other areas of the law. He appears in cases in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, including as lead counsel before the Privy Council.

SPEAKERS



Kathryn Lellman, Barrister, Tauranga

Kathryn is a relationship property and family law barrister based in Tauranga and a former partner of Hollister-Jones Lellman where she led the dispute resolution and litigation team. She has presented seminars and written on many aspects of practice in family law.



Colette Mackenzie, Greg Kelly Trust Law, Wellington

Colette has extensive experience in the areas of trusts and estate planning, with expertise in the interrelationship between trusts and relationship property and dealing with the division of trust property on separation.



Stephanie Marsden, Canterbury Chambers, Christchurch

Stephanie acts in relationship and trust property disputes involving complex asset ownership structures, and estate claims.



Zara Matheson, Mills Lane Chambers, Auckland

Zara practises family law and has a particular interest in relationship property, trust disputes, and cases involving the care of children. She is a member of the NZLS Family Law Section, the Family Courts Association and appears in the Family Court, High Court and at appellate level.



Stephen McCarthy KC, Barrister, Auckland

Stephen commenced practice as a barrister in 2006 and practises in family and civil litigation. He has a particular interest in property and estate disputes. Stephen has presented NZLS CLE seminars and conference papers on family, PRA, estates and property law topics.



Jeremy Muir, MinterEllisonRuddWatts, Auckland

Jeremy is a financial services and investment partner at MinterEllisonRuddWatts and has been deeply engaged in the blockchain, cryptocurrency and NFT space since 2017. He is also a special adviser to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee's Inquiry into the current and future nature, impact, and risks of cryptocurrencies.

SPEAKERS



Her Honour Judge Alayne Wills, District Court, Rotorua

Min Ko Takitimu te waka

Ko Aparima te awa

Ko Te Takutai o te Tīfī te marae

Ko Kāti Huirapa te hapū

Ko Kai Tahu te iwi

Judge Wills was appointed as a District Court Judge with Family Warrant in 2020 and sits in Rotorua. She has a particular interest in the application of tikanga and implementation of Te Ao Mārama in the Family Court.

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