

CHAIR



Siobhan McNulty, Atticus Chambers, Christchurch

Siobhan is a specialist family law barrister whose practice includes work as a lawyer for child, counsel to assist the court and youth advocate. She works in all aspects of family law including care of children, care and protection, family violence matters, adoption and surrogacy. Siobhan has been part of the Family Law and Youth Justice Committees for the Canterbury-Westland Branch of the New Zealand Law Society | Te Kahui Tūre o Aotearoa (NZLS), the Christchurch Family Courts Association, an executive member of the Family Law Section | Ngā Rōia Ture Whānau. from October 2015 to April 2022, and from 2017 until 2023 was on the NZLS Youth Justice Committee. She was on the legal assistance panel providing legal advice to survivors participating in the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care, and in 2022 was appointed a Kaitakawaenga to undertake private sessions with survivors.

KEYNOTE AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



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. Judge Moran 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.



Dr Sarah Anticich, Performance Wellbeing, Christchurch

Sarah has more than 18 years of experience working in New Zealand and Australia across multiple contexts. She is committed to helping others navigate the often overwhelming demands of the busy world we live in. A passionate believer in the science of wellbeing and positive psychology, Sarah translates the most up-to-date data into real-life strategies and techniques to help people of all ages and from all backgrounds to live happier, healthier lives. Prior to completing her Clinical Psychology Diploma (University of Canterbury) and PhD (University of Queensland), she completed a master's degree in industrial and organisational psychology and worked in finance recruitment. This broad experience has given Sarah a unique lens into the psychology of both organisations and individuals across many different settings.

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Deputy Registrar Elizabeth Evans, Project Manager – Lighthouse, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia

Elizabeth is a Deputy Registrar and commenced with the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (the Courts) in 2020. Since commencement she has overseen, coordinated and managed the successful implementation and recent national expansion of Lighthouse and the Evatt List in the Courts. Prior to commencing with the Courts, Elizabeth held legal policy and project roles in the Specialist Family Violence Branch of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria and Law Institute of Victoria.



Dr Hana O'Regan, Tātai Aho Rau Core Education, Christchurch

Hana (Kāi Tahu, Pākehā (Irish and Scottish)) was raised in Wellington and moved to Te Waipounamu at 21 as a lecturer at Otago University, and after four years there, shifted to Ōtautahi where she has been based ever since. She has worked in the areas of language revitalisation, identity and cultural development, te reo Māori and education for over 30 years. Hana is a published author and composer and is recognised internationally for her work in indigenous language acquisition and revitalisation. A graduate of Te Panekiretanga – Institute of Excellence in Te Reo Māori, she is widely respected for her Māori language contribution, skills and advocacy. Hana's passion for education and community, history and equity has resulted in a career committed to working with organisations, businesses and individuals to support and enhance positive outcomes for learners and whānau. She is one of the founders of the Kāi Tahu Māori language strategy, Kotahi Mano Kāika, Kotahi Mano Wawata, which was launched by the tribe in 2000 and continues to teach te reo, karakia and composition within her Kāi Tahu community. Hana was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal in 2021 and has held the position of Tumu Whakarae of Tātai Aho Rau Core Education since late 2020.



Dr Philip Stahl, Parenting after Divorce, California, USA

Philip is a United-States-based Board-certified forensic psychologist in private practice, who provides consultation and expert witness testimony in child custody litigation throughout the United States, North America, and Australia. He conducts workshops throughout the United States and internationally for lawyers, parenting evaluators, and others working with high-conflict families of divorce. Philip is on the faculty of the National Judicial College in the United States. Along with his teaching, he has written extensively on high-conflict divorce and custody evaluations for over 30 years and accepts consultation work from both Australia and New Zealand.

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Hon Steven Strickland KC, Campbell Chambers, Adelaide, Australia

Steven graduated from the University of Adelaide with an honours degree in law in 1972, and in 1979 was awarded a master's degree in law from the University of British Columbia. He practised as a barrister and solicitor until 1984 when he joined the independent bar, and in 1988 he was appointed QC. In 1999 Steven was appointed a judge of the Family Court of Australia, and in 2009 was assigned to the appeal division of that Court. In 2019 he became the administrative head of the appeal division until his retirement as a judge on 20 November 2021. Steven was a member of the executive of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia from 1994 until 1998 when he became chair. He qualified as an arbitrator in 1996, and was a director of AIFLAM from 1998 until his retirement as a judge. Steven has continued as chair of the Arbitration Committee of AIFLAM, and he is an NMAS accredited mediator. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Adelaide and Southern Cross University. Since his retirement as a judge, Steven has returned to practice as a barrister, arbitrator, mediator and consultant. Separately, he is a member of the National Sports Tribunal, and a commissioner with the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Adelaide Football League. Victoria.



Dr Phil Watts, Mindstate Psychology, Perth, Australia

Phil is a well-known and highly regarded adjunct associate professor in clinical psychology and an endorsed forensic psychologist. With nearly 35 years' experience, the last 31 in private practice, he is highly experienced in assessment and treatment. Phil is the director of Mindstate Psychology in Perth which specialises in forensic assessment, clinical treatment, and neurofeedback treatment. He has varied interests and is author of six books including: "Surviving the Witness Box (2007)"; "Shared Care or Divided Lives (2008)"; "IP:DIY Internet Pornography: Do it yourself treatment guide for men (2014)" and "How to Find Love and not a Psycho (2020)". With over 2000 appointments as Single Expert in the Family Court and thousands of reports for other courts, he is highly experienced within the legal arena. This includes assessing risk in families and the community.

SPEAKERS



Rachael Adams, Adams Law, Tauranga

Rachael has extensive experience in parenting and relationship property disputes, as lawyer for child and as a youth advocate.



Dr Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll, Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha—University of Canterbury, Christchurch

A Māori health lecturer by background, Annabel's exploration of transracial closed adoption in Aotearoa draws upon her lived and research experience.

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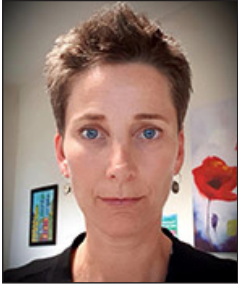
Jane Argyle-Reed, Argyle Welsh Finnigan, Christchurch

Jane is an experienced relationship property lawyer with particular expertise advising rural-based clients.



Associate Professor Denise Blake, Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington

Lived experience as an adoptee informs Denise's commitment to adoption research and advocacy. This includes health, wellbeing and social justice.



Dr Katy Brett, Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury, Christchurch

Katy is a perinatal psychiatrist with expertise in maternal and infant mental health, attachment, trauma and parenting.



Jane Byres, Family Law Specialists, Porirua

Jane acts in parenting, family violence, relationship property and other proceedings before the Family Court, and assists clients to resolve disputes outside of a court process where possible.



Dr Jane Casey, Vermont Street Specialists, Auckland

Jane is a specialist psychogeriatrician with considerable experience in capacity assessment and expert opinions in the legal setting.



Alana Crampton, Travendale and Partners, Christchurch

Alana is an experienced relationship property lawyer, specialising in farming family succession/estate planning with an emphasis on trust law.

SPEAKERS



Vivienne Crawshaw KC, Hobson Chambers, Auckland

Vivienne has practised for over 30 years, specialising in family law, including relationship property and trusts. She has appeared in several leading cases in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court and has regularly presented for NZLS CLE Ltd.



His Honour Judge Lex de Jong, District Court, Tauranga

Judge de Jong was a lawyer for 25 years and was a contributing author and presenter in New Zealand and overseas. A judge since 2006, he established the Auckland City Family Violence Criminal Court in 2007. Judge de Jong now works primarily in the Family Court.



Her Honour Judge Michelle Duggan, District Court, Christchurch

Judge Duggan was appointed to the bench in 2020 after a career of almost 30 years as a family lawyer and contributions to the profession including as chair of the Family Law Section | Ngā Rōia Ture Whānau.



Annette Gray, Buchanan Gray, Wellington

Annette is a specialist family lawyer including as lawyer for child, in PPPR cases, and representing subject persons. She is on the NZLS panel of mediators and is a family dispute resolution (FDR) mediator.



Mānia Hope, Puna Chambers, Hamilton

Waikato Taniwharau!

He piko he taniwha

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Mānia is a barrister located in the Waikato, her primary practice is in the Family Court. She is on the lawyer for child list and has been a District Inspector of Mental Health since 2017 and District Inspector of SACAT since 2021.



Jo Hosking, Lakes Chambers, Rotorua

Jo has been in family law practice since 1999. Her work includes cases involving relationship property, deceased estates, PPPR and child law, including as lawyer for child.

SPEAKERS



Jon Jarman, Leech & Partners, Christchurch

Jon is an experienced Chartered Accountant, specialising in the agri-business sector with a particular focus on governance and family succession.



Professor Nicola Peart, University of Otago, Dunedin

Nicola is now Professor emerita, but still actively engaged in research on family property law, currently writing the legislative commentary on the Trusts Act 2019.



Suzanne Robertson KC, Barrister, Auckland

Suzanne has acted in and advised on a wide range of disputes and issues including relationship property, trusts and estates.



Associate Professor Khylee Quince, AUT, Auckland

Khylee (Ngāpuhi, Te Roroa, Ngati Porou, Ngati Kahungunu) is the Dean of the School of Law at AUT. She is an expert in criminal law and justice, youth justice and Māori legal issues.



Dr Leo Schep, ToxInform, Dunedin

Leo is a toxicologist who worked at the National Poisons Centre for 19 years and continues to provide expert opinions in various court cases. His expertise extends to publishing over 50 papers and six book chapters in this discipline.



Brintyn Smith, Brintyn Smith Barrister, Auckland, Warkworth and Whāngarei

Brintyn (Ngāi Tūhoe) is a specialist family lawyer. He has recently accepted a role as an instructor at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS).

SPEAKERS



Alice Strang, Brintyn Smith Barrister, Auckland

Alice is a specialist family law barrister. Born in Japan, she is passionate about cultural competency. Alice has a special interest in both procedural and interlocutory matters.



Kirsty Swadling, Ponsonby Chambers, Auckland

Kirsty is a barrister and mediator in family law with over 30 years' experience. Her work primarily involves relationship and trust property as well as Care of Children disputes and PPPR work both privately and by Court appointments. For many years Kirsty has incorporated collaborative practice into her dispute resolution toolkit.



Samantha Wilson, Vivienne Crawshaw KC, Auckland

Samantha is an employed barrister with particular interest in relationship property and trust disputes. She appears regularly in courts at all levels.

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