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Fraser Goldsmith, Ministry of Justice, Dunedin

Fraser has 39 years' private legal practice experience including 25 years with Anderson Lloyd and 12 in boutique commercial sole practice. He is a director of companies involved in horticulture, viticulture, forestry, aquaculture and sand mining, and is a former client-representative director and chair of an irrigation company and joint venture companies involved in rural-residential land development. Fraser has been involved extensively in dispute resolution processes, insolvency work-outs and commercial advisory work mainly in the wine, dairy and shearing industries. He has recently ceased legal practice to take up a role in professional discipline, as a Legal Complaints Review Officer.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Hon David Parker, Labour List MP, Wellington

David has been a minister in the last two Labour-led Governments. As Climate Change Minister in 2008, David pioneered New Zealand's emissions trading scheme, arguably the most significant environmental reform in this country for decades. He is currently leading the Government's major reform of resource management law. David is central to the difficult policy balancing act of enhancing economic growth while addressing the growing extremes between rich and poor and protecting the environment. Born in Roxburgh, he grew up in Dunedin and has degrees in accounting and law from the University of Otago. David was a litigation partner at Anderson Lloyd and then a CEO and company director in a range of industries particularly in the agri-biotechnology field with start-up businesses including A2 Milk and BLIS Technologies. His ministerial portfolios in previous Governments have included Energy, Climate Change, Transport, Land Information, State Services, Economic Development, Trade and Export Growth, and Oceans and Fisheries. David is currently Attorney-General, Minister for the Environment, Minister of Revenue, Minister of Transport and Associate Minister of Finance.

SPEAKERS



Jeremy Bell-Connell, Dentons Kensington Swan, Wellington

Jeremy is a senior associate in the public law and disputes resolution team and has a broad range of experience including public, regulatory, commercial and private disputes. In recent years his focus has been on high-stakes complex disputes and regulatory matters. Jeremy has specialist knowledge in trust law, particularly in the context of court applications for orders relevant to trusts.



Henry Brandts-Giesen, Dentons Kensington Swan, Auckland

Henry is a partner in the private wealth practice at Dentons Kensington Swan. His practice involves strategic wealth planning, managing fiduciary and legal risk involving private wealth, and resolving disputes relating to trusts, estates, and relationship property.

SPEAKERS



Jeremy Johnson, Bankside Chambers, Auckland

A leading barrister, Jeremy is an experienced trial, arbitration and appellate advocate with expertise in commercial, shareholder, insolvency, relationship property, equity and trust law. He is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, holding a STEP Advanced Certificate in Trust Disputes, and a Fellow of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand.



Andrew Laming, New Zealand Agri Brokers, Timaru

Andrew is one of the founders and a Director of NZAB and has worked in the agribusiness banking and advisory industry for over 23 years. He has facilitated a number of New Zealand's biggest agri-financing transactions and acts as an advisor to the board on some of New Zealand's largest farming businesses. Andrew is also a qualified mediator.



Lucy de Latour, Wynn Williams, Christchurch

Lucy leads the environment and planning team at Wynn Williams and specialises in environment and planning, and local government law. A large portion of her practice focuses specifically on freshwater management and advising local authorities on a range of planning and resource consenting issues associated with implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and Essential Freshwater package.



Bal Matheson, Richmond Chambers, Auckland

Bal is an author for the "Water" chapter of Environmental and Resource Management Law (3rd to 7th editions), regularly presents on national freshwater issues, and recently wrote the lead article in the August 2021 Resource Management Journal, "Rethinking the regulation of farming: why a principles-based approach is required". Over the past 25 years, he has acted for numerous farmers across New Zealand, industry groups, and is currently advising Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc on a range of planning processes.



Campbell Stewart, Tompkins Wake, Hamilton

Campbell advises clients on all aspects of property law, and has particular expertise in the emissions trading scheme (ETS), the overseas investment regime, and Crown minerals. He is a property and real estate expert focusing also on agribusiness, trust structuring, and local government property. Carbon regulation in New Zealand is complex, and Campbell enjoys helping clients and other practitioners navigate through this complexity.

SPEAKERS



Stephen Tomlinson, Tomlinson Law, Christchurch

Stephen is the principal of Tomlinson Law. He has lectured in taxation, finance and business law at the University of Canterbury and is a well-known presenter of taxation and trust seminars and webinars. Stephen advises on a wide range of tax issues, including the GST and income tax implications of property transactions.



Emily Walton, Bridgeside Chambers, Christchurch

Emily is a general civil litigator with specialist expertise in disaster, insurance and construction dispute work. Following the 2010/2011 Canterbury earthquakes, she was heavily involved in residential and commercial High Court earthquake claims and has been able to apply the technical building knowledge and case law learned during that time to other disaster claims arising from cyclones, landslips and floods.

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