

Chair



The Hon Justice Ellen France, Court of Appeal, Wellington

Justice Ellen France has an LLB (Hons) from Auckland University and an LLM from Queen's University, Ontario. Before being appointed to the High Court in April 2002 she was a senior legal adviser in the Department of Justice Law Reform Division, Crown Counsel and then Deputy Solicitor-General in the Crown Law Office. Whilst working in both departments, the judge had responsibilities in the public and administrative law fields. She was appointed to the Court of Appeal in June 2006.

Presenters



Helen Aikman QC, Wellington

Helen is a barrister, and a Law Commissioner in Wellington from June 2005 until June 2008. She was Deputy Solicitor-General (Constitutional) until October 2003 and previously Crown counsel in the Treaty Team and Team Leader of the Commercial Regulatory Team. Before joining the Crown Law Office, Helen worked as the Principal State Solicitor in the Attorney-General's Department in Samoa and in private practice in Wellington. She was a co-presenter of the NZLS *Judicial Review Update* seminar in 2003.



Jenny Cassie, Barrister, Wellington

Jenny is a barrister in Wellington, where she specialises in public law, particularly the development of legislation. She has been involved in the development and drafting of many Acts, regulations and rules, including the Local Government Act 2002 and the Crown Entities Act 2004 and is particularly interested in the governance and accountabilities of Crown entities and how private law interfaces with administrative and public law. Before becoming a barrister sole in 2001, Jenny worked for nine years in a major law firm.



Karen Clark QC, Wellington

Karen was Deputy Solicitor-General (Public Law) until she went to the independent bar in 2007 where she has continued to specialise in public law and civil and commercial litigation. She has represented the Crown's interests in a wide range of cases in first instance and appellate jurisdictions including the Privy Council and the Supreme Court and in a number of ministerial and parliamentary inquiries. Karen has a particular interest in assisting decision-makers to reach decisions that achieve their legitimate objectives in a way that is legally defensible.



Francis Cooke QC, Wellington

Francis has an LLB with Honours from Victoria University, and a First Class Masters Degree from Cambridge University. After periods with Ashurst Morris Crisp in London and Chapman Tripp in Wellington, he commenced practice as a barrister in 1993, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2004. He specialises in public and commercial law. A major part of his practice is made up of judicial review cases, acting both for and against public bodies.

Speakers



Dean Knight, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Victoria University, Wellington

Dean is lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Victoria University of Wellington and one of the Associate Directors of the New Zealand Centre for Public Law. The focus of his teaching and research is public law, particularly administrative law, judicial review, and local government. Dean is the co-author of LexisNexis *Local Government* and has written a number of articles on administrative law and local government topics. Before joining the faculty, Dean spent eight years in private practice with an Australasian law firm in their litigation and environment and public law teams.



The Hon Justice Mallon, High Court, Wellington

Justice Jill Mallon was appointed to the High Court in 2006. Before that she was a partner at Bell Gully in Wellington. She has an LLB(Hons) from Otago University and an LLM from Cornell University.



Mike Morris, In-house Counsel, ERMA, Wellington

Mike left New Zealand soon after qualifying as a lawyer and spent the next 20 years specialising in UK contaminated land, waste and property law. He returned to New Zealand in 2003 and has worked at ERMA New Zealand since April 2004 where he manages the Legal and Risk team. He was closely involved in the 1080 reassessment last year as legal adviser to the decision-making committee and since January this year, has been Acting Manager of Reassessments in the Hazardous Substances Group. He is an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and is responsible for ERMA's internal audit function.



Roger Palairet, Palairet Law, Wellington

Roger is the principal of Palairet Law, a specialist law firm established in 2004 to provide advice to government departments and other Crown agencies. He was the Director Legal Services for the Ministry of Economic Development from 1999 - 2004. Before that, he worked for two law firms, first in the areas of banking and corporate finance, and then developing his public law specialisation.



Nicola White, Office of the Auditor-General, Wellington

Nicola joined the Office of the Auditor-General in December 2006. As head of the legal team, she provides legal advice and support across all aspects of the work of the Office of the Auditor-General and Audit New Zealand. She has particular responsibility for managing the conduct of inquiries carried out by the Auditor-General. Before coming to the office, Nicola was a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies in the School of Government at Victoria University, where she taught and researched on a wide range of public law and public administration topics. She has also worked as a legal and policy adviser in a range of roles in government over the last 15 years, including in the Cabinet Office and the Policy Advisory Group of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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