

## Chair



**Hon Sir Bruce Robertson**

The Hon Sir Bruce Robertson retired from the Court of Appeal early this year. He was admitted in 1968 and practised in Dunedin and taught part-time at the Law Faculty of the University of Otago until his appointment to the High Court in 1987. He was President of the Law Commission for four years prior to his appointment as a permanent member of the Court of Appeal in 2005. He has sat in various Pacific jurisdictions. Sir Bruce is the Consulting editor of *Adams on Criminal Law* and was editor in Chief of the *NZLS Introduction to Advocacy*.

## Presenters



**Hon Justice Brewer, High Court, Auckland**

Justice Brewer was appointed to the bench in July after a distinguished career as a Crown Solicitor. He was a Law Commissioner from 1997-2001, a Judge Advocate from 2004-2009 and a Judge of the Court Martial in 2009. Former contributions to NZLS CLE programmes include director of the Litigation Skills programme 1996 and director of the Expert Witness programme 2010.



**Hon Justice Chambers, Court of Appeal, Wellington**

Justice Chambers graduated LLB (Hons) from the University of Auckland in 1975 and in 1978 gained a doctorate from the University of Oxford. He commenced practice as a barrister in 1981 and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1992. Justice Chambers was appointed to the High Court in 1999 and to the Court of Appeal in January 2004.



**Rajesh Chhana, Ministry of Justice, Wellington**

Rajesh leads the Ministry of Justice's work on crime prevention and criminal justice, and is responsible for seven teams that generate and implement policy. Rajesh served as Justice Private Secretary providing legal counsel to Ministers of Justice from both major political parties. Before returning to the Ministry in 2003, Rajesh spent two years as a public law practitioner.



**Gerrard Clark, Ministry of Justice, Wellington**

Gerard is manager, access to justice and family law in the public law group of the Ministry of Justice. Gerard is leading the development of policy and legislative reforms for legal aid, following Dame Margaret's 2009 review of the legal aid system.

## Presenters



### **Mathew Downs, Crown Law Office, Auckland**

Mathew was admitted to the Bar in 1994 and specialises in criminal law. He is a former Crown prosecutor and currently Crown Counsel with the Crown Law Office. Mathew appears regularly in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court on matters of criminal law, criminal procedure and the laws of evidence.



### **Marie Dyhrberg, Barrister, Auckland**

Marie commenced her own practice in 1986 and has appeared as defence counsel in a number of high profile cases. She was president of the Criminal Bar Association in 1992 and 1993, chair of the Criminal Law Section of the International Bar Association in 2007 and 2008 and a member of the Crown Solicitor's Panel in Auckland from 1990 to 1996. Since December 2005 she has been a Senior Magistrate of the Magistrate's Court of Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oneo Islands.



### **Her Hon Judge Farish, District Court, Christchurch**

Judge Farish was admitted in December 1987 and practised in Christchurch predominantly in the area of criminal law. She spent four years at the defence bar and then went to the Crown for 16 years. As a partner at Raymond Donnelly she prosecuted a number of high profile cases. Appointed to the bench in August 2007 she holds both a general and jury warrant, and sits for the most part in Christchurch and the lower South Island.



### **Kris Gledhill, Faculty of Law, Auckland University**

Prior to joining the law faculty in 2007 Kris had developed an appellate criminal and public law practice in England which included numerous appearances in precedent setting cases in the European Court of Human Rights, House of Lords and Court of Appeal, particularly for prisoners and detained patients. Kris gives numerous lectures to professional groups in the criminal justice setting, and his university teaching duties include criminal law.



### **Stuart Grieve QC, Auckland**

A partner in the Auckland Crown Solicitor's office for 17 years Stuart went to the Bar in 1987 and took silk in 1996. He is currently on the panel of Crown prosecutors in Auckland but is engaged mainly in criminal defence work. He represented Renee Chignell in the Plumley Walker murder trials and has continued to appear in many other high profile criminal trials.

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### **Mark Ierace SC, Senior Public Defender, New South Wales**

Mark has practised in criminal law in the capacity of a private barrister briefed by the defence and prosecution, as a public defender, in-house counsel for the Commonwealth DPP and counsel assisting the Police Integrity Commission. Between 2000 and 2004, he was a senior trial attorney for the Office of the Prosecutor in the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, based in The Hague, in the Netherlands. He is a senior visiting fellow at the University of New South Wales, where he teaches International Criminal Law.



### **Richard Mahoney, Professor of Law, University of Otago**

Richard has written the annual review of the law of evidence in the New Zealand Law Review since 1992. He is the author of *Adams on Criminal Law – Evidence* and a co-author of Mahoney, McDonald, Optican, Tinsley *The Evidence Act 2006: Act & Analysis*.



### **Stuart White, Legal Services Agency, Wellington**

Stuart is the general manager of the Legal Services Agency in Wellington, a role he took up in December 2009 following the release of the Bazley review. He has worked in senior roles with Courts and Justice since 1996 with a focus on service improvement and change management.

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