

Chair



Deborah Hollings QC, Auckland

Deb specialises in domestic property disputes, trusts and structures. Her practice particularly includes more complex cases, often including company and family trust interests. She has appeared as counsel in numerous reported decisions in this area, including as leading counsel for the wife in *Z v Z* and *B v M*. Deb is the co-author of *For Richer or Poorer* (CCH 2001), the best-selling handbook on domestic property and estate law, and has written numerous articles on these issues. She has presented seminars for the NZLS, the ADLS and other organisations and has delivered papers at numerous conferences.

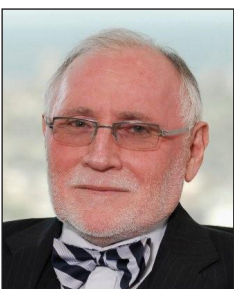
Keynote speaker



Nicholas Mostyn QC (UK)

Nicholas was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in November 1980 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in April 1997. He was appointed an Assistant Recorder of the Crown Court in 1997 and a Recorder, and Deputy High Court Judge in 2000. He specialises in what are known as "big money" cases, in particular those where there is an off-shore or international element or other aspects of complexity, and has appeared in a great number of the significant reported ancillary relief decisions in the last 20 years. Nicholas appeared in three significant cases in the House of Lords viz *Brooks v Brooks* [1995] 2 FLR 13, *White v White* [2000] 2 FLR 981 and *Miller v Miller* [2006]. He has appeared in most of the post-*White* cases, including *Lambert v Lambert* [2003] 1 FLR 139 and *Miller*. He has written and is one of the two principal editors of the Family Law Bar Association's publication: *At a Glance: Essential Court Tables for Ancillary Relief* (14th ed 2005), has published *Child's Pay: The Complete Guide to the Child Support Act 1991 and the subordinate legislation* (3rd ed Butterworths 2002), which is considered to be the leading textbook on child support. He is a co-author of *Rayden and Jackson on Divorce and Family Matters* (18th ed), and assisted in the writing of *Jackson's Matrimonial Finance and Taxation* (4th ed). Nicholas has devised, with the assistance of software designers, legal software programs that are used in hundreds of solicitors' offices and barristers' chambers, and by forensic accountants. He has lectured extensively on the subject of ancillary relief, and on the child support system and is the consulting editor of the *Family Court Reports* and *International Family Law*. He is a member of a number of committees and a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

International speaker



Ian Kennedy AM, Kennedy Wisewoulds, Melbourne (Au)

Ian is senior partner of Kennedy Wisewoulds, Melbourne, with an extensive national and international practice. He is president of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, executive member of the Family Law Section, Law Council of Australia, editor of *Australian Family Lawyer*, Australian correspondent to *International Family Law*, a member of the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators and the Family Law Bar Association (UK) and various other professional associations. He was appointed a member of the Order of Australia in 2004 for his services to law, legal education and professional organisations, and received the inaugural Law Institute of Victoria President's Award in 2004 for outstanding contributions by a practitioner in specialised practice. He lectures widely on family law and related issues nationally and internationally and is an author of many articles, papers and publications on legal and associated topics.

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His Hon Principal Family Court Judge Peter Boshier, Wellington

Judge Peter Boshier was appointed as the Principal Family Court Judge of the New Zealand Family Court in March 2004, after serving on the District Court Bench since 1988. Judge Boshier has worked extensively in the management of the Family Court and judicial system. In 1993 he completed a review of the Family Court, which resulted in a number of changes to court processes. Judge Boshier has a particular interest in Pacific youth justice and child offenders. In 1999 he wrote the *Child Offenders Manual*, which gives practical guidance to intervention with child offenders. In 2002 he was seconded by the New Zealand Government to join the Pacific Judicial Education Programme based in Suva, and while there completed a Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching. As Principal Family Court Judge, Judge Boshier is committed to working with the Government to continue to reform the court to ensure efficient and economic access to justice. In 2006 Judge Boshier was nominated by the *New Zealand Listener*, as being in the top fifty outstanding New Zealanders, and in April 2009 was made a distinguished alumnus by the Victoria University of Wellington, for outstanding contribution to the law.



Allan Cooke, Barrister, Auckland

Allan is a barrister with a specific interest in CYPF cases and within that, in issues related to the permanent placement of children who are in care. Allan completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Child Advocacy and is about to embark on study for a PhD which will look at the responsibility of the State for children in care.



Vivienne Crawshaw, Barrister, Auckland

Vivienne has been in practice for 20 years, the past ten of which she has focused primarily on family law. Vivienne has presented to the Institute of Judicial Studies, for *LexisNexis* and to ADLS and NZLS conferences. She co-presented a NZLS travelling road show and in the same year presented to the IBA Conference. In 2006 she published a book for the general public entitled *Untying the Knot – What You Need to Know in a Family Break-up*. Vivienne's practice includes seven years working for community law centres in Auckland, before becoming a partner at Gubbs Lawyers, Auckland in 2003. She has been a barrister sole since 2008.



Helen Cull QC, Wellington

Helen was admitted in 1978 and practised as a litigation partner before going to the Bar in 1990. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1997. Helen has undertaken numerous witness actions and high profile trials in both the criminal and civil jurisdictions. She has been a member of the NZLS Evidence Law Reform Committee since 1999 and co-presented the NZLS submissions to the Select Committee on the Evidence Bill.



David Dowthwaite, Dowthwaite Law, Rotorua

David is a general practitioner with an historic family law bias and fond memories (almost) of the Destitute Persons Act 1910. Past chairperson of the Waikato BOP DLS Family Law Committee and former Rotorua District Coroner. Long time Lawyer for the Child and Counsel to Assist. Despite his unashamed enthusiasm for legal practice, none of his four children have yet been persuaded to study law.

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Robert Hacking, Barrister, Auckland

Robert graduated from Otago University in 1984 and has practised in both Western Australia and England. Exclusively practising in family law, he has a particular interest in trusts, estates and relationship property disputes.



Professor Gordon Harold, Alexander McMillan Chair in Childhood Studies, Professor of Psychology and Director of the newly established Centre for Research on Children and Families, University of Otago

Originally from Dublin, his primary research interests focus on the role of the family as a context for understanding children's normal and abnormal psychological development. He is presently involved in several ongoing longitudinal projects including studies examining the interplay between genetic and family environmental factors on children's mental health, the early origins of childhood aggression and disruptive behaviour disorders, the long-term impact of domestic violence on children's psychological development and the implementation of effective intervention programmes aimed at assisting children in the context of parental separation and divorce. A recent publication titled *Inter-parental conflict and children's adaptation to separation and divorce: Theory, research and implications for family law and practice* (Harold & Murch, 2005) has been recognised as one of the most significant articles and papers of the past 20 years in key aspects of family law from an international perspective (*The Family, Law and Society Series*, 2008).



Geoff Harrison, Barrister, Auckland

Geoff has specialised in family law since 1992. He is a contributing writer for *Fisher on Matrimonial and Relationship Property* (3rd ed). He has presented a number of NZLS seminars on s 21 agreements as well as on related topics particularly following the passing of the Property (Relationships) Act 2001.



Mark Henaghan, Dean and Professor of Law, University of Otago

Mark specialises in family law and is a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand. He is co-author of *Family Law Policy in New Zealand* (3rd ed LexisNexis Butterworths 2007) and joint author of *Family Law in New Zealand* (12th ed LexisNexis Butterworths 2005). Mark is the joint author of *Relationship Property on Death* (2004 Thomson Brookers, which won the 2005 J F Northey prize for the best published law book in New Zealand), and *Relationship Property Consolidated Legislation and Analysis* (2001 Brookers Thomson Group) and sole author of *Care of Children* (2005 LexisNexis Butterworths). He is an author and member of the editorial board for *LexisNexis Family Law Service* and the *New Zealand Family Law Journal* and author of a number of articles on family law. Mark is on the editorial boards of *Child and Family Law Quarterly*, the leading UK journal on children's issues and *The International Journal of Human Rights*, the leading UK journal on human rights. He has published extensively both nationally and internationally and is on the cutting edge of international developments in family law. Mark is currently engaged in an international study of relocation cases and their impact on the parties and their children with collaborators from Australia and the United Kingdom. He is the principal investigator for the Human Genome Research Project, Te Kaupapa Rangahau Ira Tāngata - Law, Ethics and Policy for the Future – sponsored by the New Zealand Law Foundation.

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Jane Hunter, Barrister, Auckland

Jane is a barrister practising from Victoria Chambers in Auckland. Jane graduated with an LLM (Hons) from Auckland University. She has practised law since her admission in 1990. In later years Jane has concentrated on family, civil and commercial litigation. She specialises in cases involving trust, or closely held companies and parallel claims in equity, agency or for breach of contract. Jane is the author of a number of publications and currently writes for *Brooker's Family Law Procedure* on costs and child law on child support. She has also spoken at a number of conferences on family law related topics.



Greg Kelly, Greg Kelly Law, Wellington

Greg has 30 years' experience in the wills, trusts and estate area. He is a member of the Wills and Trusts Committee of the NZLS Property Law Section, and a member of STEP. Greg is a contributor to *Butterworth's Law of Trusts*, probate and administration author for *McGechan on Procedure*, a co-author of *Garrow and Kelly Law of Trusts and Trustees* (6th ed) and of *Dobbie's Probate and Administration Practice* (5th ed). He has presented papers at a number of seminars and conferences for both the NZLS and the other organisations throughout New Zealand.



Tony Lendrum, Tony Lendrum Mediation Ltd, Auckland

Tony specialised in matrimonial / relationship property and family law for many years. That experience led him to train in alternative dispute resolution primarily with CDR in Colorado. He now practises solely as a mediator. In that capacity he has extensive experience in relationship property, COCA (including relocation), and spousal support disputes together with family protection and testamentary promise matters. He is a mediation panel member for AMINZ and is appointed by Family Courts to conduct mediations.



Sarah Lindsay, Barrister, Whakatane

Sarah graduated from Otago University in 1991 with a BA/LLB and commenced practice in Opotiki working in family and criminal law. She later worked in Auckland but returned to the Bay of Plenty in 1998. Sarah currently works in Whakatane and Opotiki specialising in all areas of family law and also regularly appearing in the Youth Court jurisdiction.



Magnus Macfarlane, Sainsbury, Logan & Williams, Napier

Magnus has 30+ years' experience in civil and resource management litigation including judicial review and arbitration and has appeared regularly in the District, Family, Environment and High Courts as well as in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. His family practice is now restricted to relationship property and associated company and trust work of which *Nation v Nation*, and *Ward v Ward* are the most significant recent examples. He is the senior litigation partner in Sainsbury Logan & Williams and practises from Napier.

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His Hon Judge Simon Maude, District Court, Whangarei

Judge Maude was appointed a District Court judge with a Family Court warrant in 2008. Admitted in 1977, he was a partner in Beyer, Christie, O'Regan and Dunning; Brandon Brookfield; and Maude and Miller before establishing, in 1993, the specialist family law firm known as the Karori Family Law Centre (now Wellington Family Law). Since 1984, he has practised exclusively in family law. He chaired the NZLS Family Law Section from 2005 to 2007, having served on its executive committee since 2000 and as its deputy chair from 2001 to 2005. He served on the Wellington Legal Aid Committee from the 1980s until it ceased to exist in 2000 and was the NZLS Family Law Section's representative on the NZLS CLE Board until his appointment to the bench.



Stephen McCarthy, Barrister, Manukau

Stephen practises in family and civil litigation. He has a particular interest in property and estate disputes. Stephen has practised as a barrister since early 2006 and prior to that was a litigation partner in a Manukau City firm for over 20 years. He was convener of the ADLS Mental Health and Disability Law Committee 1991-1995 and Family Law Committee 2001-2003. Stephen has presented Law Society seminars and conference papers on mental health, family and property law topics.



Kevin Muir, Morgan Coakle, Auckland

Kevin is the partner at Morgan Coakle who heads the family team. He is often called on to advise overseas residents on relationship property issues in New Zealand or New Zealand residents on property overseas. His family law practice is focused on relationship property issues. He has presented seminars for the NZLS, ADLS and *LexisNexis* on family law issues.



Nicola Peart, Professor of Law, University of Otago

Nicola was appointed to the law faculty at the University of Otago in 1987, where her research has focused on family property law, including trusts and succession law, and medical law. She is the principal author of *Relationship Property on Death* (2004 Brookers) and *Family Property* (2008 Brookers Thomson's). She is a regular presenter at NZLS seminars and conferences.



The Hon Justice John Priestley, High Court, Auckland

John Priestley was appointed to the High Court Bench in 2000. He took silk in 1994. At appointment he was the chair of the NZLS Family Law Section Executive. His appointment to the Bench curtailed a 28 year commitment to family law which commenced when he attained a doctorate in the matrimonial property area from the University of Virginia. A graduate of the University of Auckland and Cambridge, he was at various stages the chair of the Deportation Review Tribunal, deputy chair of the Refugee Status Appeals Authority and a chair of the Film Censorship Board of Review. Justice Priestley is a strong supporter of the Section and one of its initiators and founding members. He has been a strong advocate of improving the status of the Family Court and family law generally.

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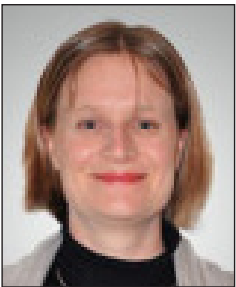


Her Hon Judge Rosemary Riddell, District Court, Hamilton

Judge Rosemary Riddell was appointed to the bench in February 2006. Before that she practised primarily family law in Auckland and then Dunedin after being admitted in 1992. She served on various committees of the Otago District Law Society and following her appointment now sits in the Hamilton Family and District Courts. As well as a commitment to law, and in particular the needs of children, Judge Riddell has continued to maintain her other life - married to Mike a screenwriter, they have worked together in theatre and film. They have three adult children and a grandson.

Claire Ryan, Meredith Connell, Auckland

Claire has practised law for over 20 years, including five years in Australia, and has worked extensively in the areas of family law and child protection in both jurisdictions. She appears regularly in the Youth, District and High Courts and is the team leader for the Youth and Family Court team. Claire has also dealt with a large number of applications under the PPPR Act 1988, Health Act 1936, and Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992. As a member of the medico-legal team she has provided timely advice to a number of health sector clients. She prosecutes criminal jury trials and defended hearings. Claire lectures in criminal law for the Diploma of Forensic Science at Auckland University and is a member of the Family Law Section of the NZLS.



Dr Louise Smith, Registered Clinical Psychologist, Auckland

Louise has been a specialist report writer and expert witness for the family court since 1994, presenting on family law topics for colleagues and lawyers alike. Louise has also been involved in programme evaluations (eg, the evaluation of the court education service for young witnesses). Following this she branched out into other areas of child and family work (parent management, working with parents with personality disorders) and spent many years engaging in in-depth therapy work with adults and children affected by sexual, physical and emotional abuse. She has a particular interest in supervision and training and established a diploma level training programme for counsellors which is registered on the NZQA framework. She has held membership on disciplinary and ethics committee and has acted as a consultant to a wide range of community organisations. Louise is currently a CASA Consultant.



Maureen Southwick QC, Auckland

Formerly a partner with Brookfields, Maureen practises principally in the area of family law. She is a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and serves on a number of other professional bodies. Maureen is also a frequent presenter of NZLS CLE seminars and conference papers.



Jason Wren, Duncan Cotterill, Christchurch

Jason has practised exclusively in family law for over 15 years. He is actively involved in mediation in his roles as either counsel for a party or as lawyer for the child. Since his relocation to Christchurch in late 2007, Jason has been regularly requested to mediate as part of the local court's early intervention project. In his view, if mediation is prepared for properly and is adopted in good faith by all the participants, it offers a productive and lasting way of dispute resolution.

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