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Steve Flynn, Special Counsel, Simpson Grierson, Wellington

Steve has specialised in the areas of banking and finance law, and corporate insolvency law, for 25 years, and is also an Honorary Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Victoria University of Wellington. He is currently acting for the New Zealand liquidators of HIH Insurance, and for the receivers of Lombard Finance & Investments, and acted for the Crown (and the receivers) in respect of the only State-Owned Enterprise receivership to have occurred in New Zealand. Steve has been a member of NZLS committees on the Personal Property Securities Bill and insolvency law reform, and has regularly published articles, and given presentations, on securities and corporate insolvency topics. He has been named as a leading New Zealand lawyer by various industry publications, including IFLR 1000, PLC Which Lawyer?, Asia Pacific Legal 500, Chambers Global and AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers.

Presenters



Rodney Boon, BNZ, Christchurch

Rodney has over 35 years' of banking experience with the Bank of New Zealand, with over 30 years in lending related roles including the last 15 years in a leadership role in BNZ's Risk Management, Intensive Management Unit, Strategic Business Services, dealing with Corporate, Business and Agribusiness workouts, recovery and insolvency assignments.



Michael Bos, Barrister, Auckland

Michael practises in the area of commercial litigation with a focus on security enforcement and insolvency law. He regularly advises financiers, corporate creditors, receivers and liquidators on security enforcement and insolvency related issues. Michael is a member of the insolvency special interest group of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and is named as a leading New Zealand Insolvency Lawyer in the International Who's Who of Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers, 2009.



David Bridgman, Partner, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Auckland

David specialises in business valuations and appraisals, transaction-related advice including work with listed companies, corporate restructurings and strategic corporate advice as well as independent advice to boards. He has worked on a number of major restructurings, and has been heavily involved with the finance company sector, having advised trustees and prepared independent reports for investors, as well as the provision of advice to Treasury in relation to this sector.



Paul Chisnall, Barrister, Wellington

Paul has been in practice for 20 years. He has practised on his own account since 2009, with an emphasis on commercial litigation and insolvency.



Chris Dunphy, Partner, Shephard Dunphy, Wellington

Chris transitioned from chartered accountancy to exclusively working in the insolvency field in 1993. This coincided with significant changes in the Companies Act and a new approach to liquidations, receiverships and remedies against directors. Her extensive experience and pragmatic approach to complex company issues has resulted in many successful compromises and settlements within the insolvency arena. Chris has been involved in a number of cases under the Companies Act and some leading cases under the Personal Property Securities Act. Chris accepts court appointments, and conducts in excess of 150 liquidations and receiverships with co-liquidators per year, nationwide.

Speakers



Ian Farrant, Director, Queenstown

Ian is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants, and a Distinguished Fellow of The Institute of Directors. During the last thirty five years Ian was a director of 16 listed companies, 17 unlisted companies, SOEs, LATEs, and co-operatives, together with appointments to five NZ Statutory Authorities (including The New Zealand Securities Commission). He has had a wide, and varied business career, and has seen the success and failures of business, at first hand.



John Fisk, Partner, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Wellington

John has over 20 years' experience providing business recovery services and advice on a broad range of insolvency, restructuring and monitoring assignments. He has been appointed receiver to numerous companies and is regularly appointed by the High Court as a liquidator. John has also been appointed by the court as an interim liquidator and receiver. Financial institutions have regularly asked John to carry out business appraisals in a wide range of industries where concerns have been raised on financial viability or where additional funding has been requested.



Michael Harper, Chapman Tripp, Auckland

Michael specialises in restructuring and insolvency and leads Chapman Tripp's highly regarded restructuring and insolvency group. He gained extensive international experience in restructuring and insolvency in developing countries while at international law firm Allen & Overy. Since his return to New Zealand in 2003, Michael has been heavily involved in finance company collapses (both receiverships and moratoriums) and the development of the voluntary administration process.



Michael Robinson, Simpson Grierson, Auckland

Michael is a specialist litigator in Simpson Grierson's Banking and Finance Department, and heads the securities enforcement, insolvency and restructuring team. Michael's clients include banks, government agencies, corporates, financial institutions, and insolvency practitioners. He advises on all aspects of banking, finance and insolvency litigation including various issues arising out of liquidations and receiverships. He has a broad range of mediation, arbitration and litigation experience, and regularly appears as counsel in the courts at all levels.



Richard Wilkes, Chief Credit Officer, ANZ National Bank, Auckland

Richard is the Chief Credit Officer for ANZ National Bank focussing on wholesale credit, lending services and provision management. A qualified chartered accountant, Richard has 25 years' banking industry experience across New Zealand, Australia and Asia including roles at Standard Chartered Bank and Citibank. He is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors and the New Zealand Society of Accountants. Richard has also held directorships and been chairman of several medium-sized companies in New Zealand.



Derek Williams, BNZ, Wellington

Derek has over 30 years' banking experience with the Bank of New Zealand, with 20 years in leadership roles in the BNZ's Risk Management, Intensive Management unit, Strategic Business Services, specialising in Corporate, Business and Agribusiness turnarounds, mergers & acquisitions and insolvency assignments. Derek has presented various papers on insolvency topics, sat on Bankers' Panels at Insol New Zealand, a special interest group affiliated closely to the Institute of Chartered Accountants, and presented papers to the Institute of Directors, Senior Directors' workshops.

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