

PRESENTERS



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Bruce Burson has 25 years' experience in migration/refugee law and policy. He is a Senior Member of the New Zealand Immigration and Protection Tribunal, where he manages the Refugee and Protection stream, and has written a number of the Tribunal's leading judgments on refugee and protection law. Bruce is also a Senior Research Associate at the Refugee Law Initiative at the University of London.

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Judge Peter Spiller, Chair, Immigration & Protection Tribunal, New Zealand

Judge Peter Spiller, PhD, is a graduate of Natal, Cambridge and Canterbury Universities. He has taught law at universities in South Africa and New Zealand over the last 45 years. Judge Spiller concluded his full-time academic career as Professor of Law at the University of Waikato, where he also served as Chairperson and Acting Dean. During the years 2005-2010, he was Principal Disputes Referee, in charge of the Disputes Tribunals of New Zealand. In 2009, Judge Spiller was appointed as a District Court Judge, and he exercised civil and criminal jurisdiction in Hamilton and surrounding courts. Since 2014, he has been Chair of the Immigration and Protection Tribunal.

Judge Spiller has published a number of books, including *A History of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand*, *The Disputes Tribunals of New Zealand*, and *The New Zealand Law Dictionary*, and published a wide range of articles on legal history and the court system.

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