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Andrew Logan, Partner, Mortlock McCormack Law, Christchurch

Andrew has been practising property and commercial law for 22 years in a number of firms in Auckland, London and Christchurch. While his practice is varied, it maintains a strong property focus. Andrew is a member of the Property Law Section's Executive as well as a past director of NZLS CLE Limited.

Keynote speakers



Hon Christopher Finlayson, Attorney-General

Prior to entering Parliament in 2005 Chris had an extensive career in law. Admitted to the bar in 1981, he became a partner at Brandon Brookfield and then Bell Gully in Wellington before practising as a barrister sole from 2003 - 2005. Between 1987 and 2002 he lectured in both graduate and under-graduate programmes at Victoria University Law School. He is a member of the Rules Committee of the High Court and has also served on the New Zealand Council of Law Reporting and the Council for Legal Education. He was a founding co-author of *McGechan on Procedure* and is a published author on various legal subjects.



Nick Tuffley, Chief Economist, ASB, Auckland

Nick started his economics career at the Reserve Bank, and also spent seven years with Westpac before joining ASB. Much of his career has been spent analysing and forecasting the NZ economy, with a particular focus on monetary policy issues. Nick and the economics team provide regular commentary on developments in the NZ economy through publications and media interviews. Nick studied at Canterbury University, graduating with a Master of Commerce in Economics.



David Bigio, Barrister, Auckland

David has been a barrister sole since May 2003. Prior to that he was a litigation partner in an Auckland firm for eight years. David's areas of practice are commercial and civil litigation, including real estate and property law, building and construction (including leaky buildings), governance of trusts, companies, incorporated societies and other bodies corporate. He provides advisory and advocacy services to a diverse range of commercial, institutional and private clients. David has acted for the Real Estate Institute of NZ Inc for over 15 years in a variety of capacities, including the conduct of disciplinary proceedings before the Real Estate Agents Licensing Board and appeals of Board decisions to the High Court and Court of Appeal; as well as issues relating to the reform of the Real Estate Agents Act. He also advises real estate agents, lawyers and businesses related to the real estate industry on compliance with the new Act, as well as disciplinary and fair trading issues.

Speakers



Rt Hon Justice Blanchard, Supreme Court, Wellington

Justice Blanchard holds LL.M. degrees from Auckland and Harvard Universities. He was a partner in the Auckland firm of Simpson Grierson and a director of several listed companies until his appointment to the High Court in 1992. He became a judge of the Court of Appeal in 1996 and was appointed to the Supreme Court on 1 January 2004.



Tony Brighthouse, Manager Professional Business, ASB Bank, Auckland

Tony has been with ASB Bank for 26 years – the last eight years spent within the professional services area of business banking. The professional services department is dedicated to providing high level specialist support to ASB's relationship managers when dealing with law firms and other professional businesses. A large part of this service involves introducing electronic solutions which can enhance and improve efficiencies in a firm's day to day operation. His role includes promoting ASB's real time settlement and client funds management capabilities.



Ian Campbell, Campbell Property Consultants, Auckland

Ian is a registered property consultant and property manager with 24 years' corporate real estate experience providing advice on matters relating to property management, acquisitions, disposals, leasing and supplier management. He has held senior roles with the AMP Society, Fletcher Property (formally Challenge Properties) and Kiwi Income Property Trust. Ian was an inaugural member of the Wellington City Council's Retail Promotion Board. In 2001 he started PropertyWorks as an independent property consulting and valuation company. In 2009 Ian was elected president of the Property Institute of New Zealand with over 2,800 professional members and 16 branches throughout.



John Greenwood, Partner, Greenwood Roche Chisnall, Wellington

John is editor of the *New Zealand Property Lawyer*, he is a moderator for the New Zealand Council of Legal Education for the land law and equity university papers. He was a member of the Property Law Section Committee that made submissions on the Unit Titles Bill, and since the early 1980's has had a strong involvement in Unit Titles reform in New Zealand. Also since the early 1990's John has presented seminars and represented the NZLS on submissions concerning Building Act reform including that relating to leaking buildings.



Prof Mark Henaghan, Dean of the Law Faculty Otago University

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 edition, LexisNexis Butterworths 2007); joint author of *Family Law in New Zealand*, (14th edition, LexisNexis Butterworths 2009); 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); *Relationship Property Consolidated Legislation and Analysis* (2001 Brookers Thomson Group) and sole author of *Care of Children* (2005 LexisNexis Butterworths).

Speakers



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*, co-author of *Garrow and Kelly's Law of Trusts and Trustees* (6th edition) and of *Dobbies' Probate and Administration Practice* (5th edition). He has presented papers at numerous seminars and conferences for both the NZLS and other organisations throughout New Zealand and was the chair of the NZLS Trust Conference in 2009.



Niamh McMahon, Partner, McMahon Butterworth Thompson, Auckland

Niamh began legal practice at a large Auckland law firm in 1987. Her areas of practice include corporate and commercial advice, insolvency and advising Maori organisations on post settlement issues. She convenes the ADLS Documents & Precedents Committee and was substantially involved in the preparation of the Society's and REINZ's 3rd edition of the agreement for sale and purchase of business and 8th edition Agreement for sale and purchase of real estate. She is a regular presenter for ADLS and NZLS. Apart from practising law, Niamh is a keen scuba diver. She reckons being underwater is just like a day in the office: limited time, not much air, lots of sharks and plenty of bigger fish in the sea.



Denham Martin, Barrister, Auckland

Denham is a lawyer specialising in all aspects of tax and trust law and this has included giving advice over the years on the widest range of GST issues and problems. He was involved with the roll-out of GST in Australia as a lead services provider to the Australian Society of CPAs and the Television Education Network and was at the same time a consultant in Australia on GST to Malleson Stephen Jacques, PriceWaterhouseCoopers and other professional firms and organisations. He has authored and presented technical articles on GST-related topics both here and in Australia and has been involved in some of New Zealand's leading GST cases – eg *Norfolk Apartments v C of IR*, *Wairakei Court v C of IR* and *Mangaheia Trust and Trustees in the Te Mata Trust v C of IR*.



The Hon Dr Nick Smith, Minister for Environment

Nick was born and educated in North Canterbury and first stood for public office at the age of 18 for the Rangiora District Council while still at High School. Nick attended Canterbury University where he completed a civil engineering degree followed by a PhD in landslides. Having joined the National Party as a teenager Nick has held governing positions through all levels of the organisation and has been involved in several campaigns. Nick entered parliament in 1990 and was the first National MP in Tasman since 1932, then following the MMP reforms in 1996, was elected the first Nelson National MP since 1954. He continues to hold the seat with a comfortable majority. A minister in the previous National Government he has held the portfolios of Education, Corrections, Conservation, Assoc Minister of Immigration, Treaty Negotiations and Social Welfare. He is currently the Minister for Environment, Climate Change Issues and ACC.

Speakers



Greg Towers, Simpson Grierson, Auckland

Greg heads Simpson Grierson's resources and infrastructure department and is a member of the firm's Board of Management. He is also a partner in the commercial property group. His specialist area of expertise is buying and managing shopping centres and generally purchasing and selling commercial property. He also advises on strategies for property ownership and tenant management. Greg's property work includes providing legal opinions, drafting property-related agreements, sale and purchase agreements and leases, undertaking due diligences, advising on dispute resolution and the Overseas Investment regime. He is recognised as a leading lawyer in a number of international publications.



Phillip Walker, Director, NSATAX, Auckland

With more than 20 years' of experience to his name, much of it at a very senior level, Phil is in strong demand for specialist taxation advice from his client list of chartered accountants and corporates. He deals with all areas of taxation, with specific areas of interest in property issues, GST matters and re-structuring. Phil also provides advice on objective-appropriate trading structures, including the use of trusts. On the professional development side, Phil has presented many seminars and papers, including presentations to members of the New Zealand Institute of Accountants, NZ Law, Institute of International Research and university students.



Stuart Walker, Anderson Lloyd, Dunedin

Stuart practises in the areas of commercial and banking law. He is co-author of the *Bills of Exchange and Credit and Finance* titles and *Insolvency Precedents* in LexisNexis New Zealand *Forms and Precedents*. He was a Winston Churchill Fellow who studied plain language in the UK and has presented NZLS seminars on banking law, guarantees, plain language, conflicts of interest, the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act and is a consulting editor to Butterworths' *Conveyancing Bulletin*.



Michael Weatherall, Partner, Simpson Grierson, Auckland

Michael is a partner and head of the construction law team at Simpson Grierson, and is one of New Zealand's leading construction and infrastructure lawyers with twenty years' of project and dispute resolution experience across all industry sectors. Michael is the author of the *Building and Construction* title in the *Laws of New Zealand* publication by LexisNexis. He was also on the drafting committee of NZS3910:2003 the *New Zealand Standard Conditions of Contract for Building and Civil Engineering Construction* and had a lead role in the drafting of the latest edition of the *IPENZ/ ACENZ Conditions of Contract for Consultancy Services*. He has advised on many of the largest and most complex construction projects and disputes in New Zealand in recent years.

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