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Margaret commenced as a barrister sole in 1992, specialising in family law with an emphasis on relationship property disputes and Hague Convention cases. She taught relationship property at the Auckland University faculty of law for three years and has presented many seminars and workshops for the NZLS, ADLS and other organisations, as well as contributing to a number of family law texts and publications. Margaret has extensive mediation experience and regularly conducts mediations in cases involving family property and estate disputes. She is frequently appointed as counsel to assist in Family Court cases to mediate and is a member of the High Court panel of mediators. Margaret was the inaugural chair of the Family Law Section.

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David was appointed as a Family Court Judge in March 2005. He practised previously as a specialist Family Court barrister for many years. Prior to his appointment he was chair of the NZLS Family Law Section for three years. He has presented a number of seminars for the NZLS, ADLS and for other organisations.



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Bruce has specialised in family law since 1975. One of his specialty areas is relationship property law as it interfaces with trust law. He appears regularly on these issues at first instance and on appeal; he also sits as a mediator. Bruce presents regularly at conferences and workshops on a wide variety of topics.



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Vivienne has been in practice for 20 years, the past ten of which she has focused primarily on family law. She has presented to the Institute of Judicial Studies, for LexisNexis and to ADLS and NZLS conferences. In 2006 she published a book for the general public entitled *Untying the Knot – What You Need to Know in a Family Break-up*.

SPEAKERS



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Kathryn has practised family law for over 20 years. She has a busy practice with a particular emphasis on relationship property and trust issues, lawyer for the child and Hague Convention work. She has presented seminars, both locally and for NZLS, on family law issues.



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