

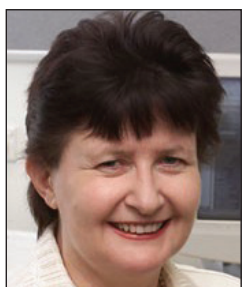
CHAIR



Mark Tavendale, Partner, Goodman Steven Tavendale Reid, Christchurch

Mark has been a partner at Goodman Steven Tavendale Reid, commercial, primary industry and resource management lawyers, since its inception. His experience includes property and business acquisitions and divestments, project developments and finance, unlisted securities offerings, joint ventures and shareholder arrangements. He acts for various developers, agri companies and private investors. Mark has considerable expertise on New Zealand's overseas investment laws.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Fran O'Sullivan, Journalist and Business Columnist of the Year

Fran is a leading columnist for *The New Zealand Herald* writing broadly on business and political issues, with a strong interest in international affairs. She recently traveled to China to report on Fonterra's situation post-Sanlu. While in the corporate sector, Fran was instrumental in establishing the New Zealand United States Council to front New Zealand's efforts to get a closer business relationship with the US. She is a former editor of the *National Business Review* and former assistant editor of the Herald and was recently awarded Business Columnist of the year at the Qantas Media awards.

SPEAKERS



Ferne Bradley, Partner, Mackintosh Bradley & Price, Christchurch

Ferne is a trusts specialist, recently completing an LLM (Hons) in the area, and gives advice on asset protection and relationship property division. She is, and has been, on a number of NZLS committees in related areas, including ADR. Ferne has recently retired as a member of the Council of the University of Canterbury, independent director of the Institute of Financial Advisers and director of NZLAW Ltd.



Lesley Brook, Partner, Anderson Lloyd, Dunedin

Lesley has experience, spanning 17 years, working with companies and other organisations on a range of commercial issues and projects. Lesley specialises in overseas investment and employment law as well as being familiar with the Emissions Trading Scheme, particularly as it impacts on clients in the agricultural and forestry industries.



Andrew Clements, Partner, Grayson Law, Hamilton

Andrew is a lawyer who ensures clients are secured with good strategy and robust structures. He is on the board of a number of regional and national Non-Government Organisations. Andrew is a past New Zealand editorial adviser to the international *Trusts and Trustees Law Journal* (Oxford). More recently he has acted as a consultant to legal and accounting advisers on matters pertaining to trust law and commercial structuring in New Zealand.

SPEAKERS



Neil Davidson, Associate, McCaw Lewis Chapman, Hamilton

Neil joined McCaw Lewis Chapman in November 2003. Prior to qualifying as a lawyer, Neil worked in the dairy industry as a sharemilker and also as a field representative for the New Zealand Dairy Group. He completed a B.Com at Lincoln University in 1988. Neil is part of the firm's commercial team and specialises in rural, property and commercial law.



Peter Duncan, Partner, Tompkins Wake, Hamilton

Peter has more than 25 years experience in the law relating to property subdivision and development, trusts and personal and business succession planning. Since moving to the Waikato eighteen months ago, he has had the opportunity to adapt long experience gained in urban subdivision and development work to the rural environment. He has been a presenter for various NZLS CLE conferences and seminars on a range of property law subjects.



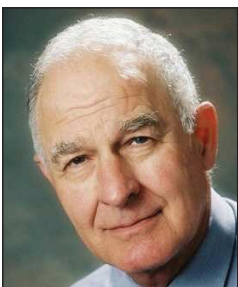
Thomas Gibbons, Partner, McCaw Lewis Chapman, Hamilton

Thomas specialises in property development and commercial law, regularly advising on, inter alia, subdivisions, development projects, company share structures and shareholder agreements. He has written extensively on property and commercial topics for publications such as the *NZ Law Journal*, *Butterworths Conveyancing Bulletin*, the *NZ Conveyancing and Property Reports*, and the *Waikato Law Review*. He is currently updating the "Easements" title for the *Laws of New Zealand*.



Brett Gould, Director, Logan Gold Walsh, Masterton

Brett has a commercial and farming practice, a major portion of which in recent years has involved managed and closely-held dairy farm and commercial property syndications. He has also had considerable experience acting in completing shareholder agreements for syndicate investors. Brett is a member of the NZLS PLS Rural Committee and has previously delivered papers for NZLS CLE on rural transactions, equity farming, and business structuring and operations.



Barry Gunson, Lawyer, Hamilton

Barry specialises in commercial contracts, trusts and estate planning, the rural industry, dispute resolution, particularly rural disputes, and plain english precedents. He is a member of the NZLS Property Law Section executive and presented at the 2002 NZLS Property Law Conference. Barry was the chair of the 2005 and 2007 NZLS CLE Rural Transactions Conferences.

SPEAKERS



Matt Hanna, Partner, Lewis' Cambridge

Matt was admitted in 1986 and is a partner of Lewis', a small firm with a long history in advising rural business clients. Matt is the author of *Forestry Rights in New Zealand* and advises forest owners, managers and local authorities on commercial forestry issues.



David Heald, Director, Staples Rodway, Hamilton

David advises a diverse range of clients operating and investing in a variety of industries and markets. Before joining Staples Rodway, David worked for a "big four" firm in Auckland where he advised an array of private, public and multinational clients on a myriad of taxation issues. David has presented at a number of seminars for the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accounts, focused on property and business related tax issues, and more recently has been involved in presentations on limited partnerships.



Ron Lockwood, Director, Ashworth Lockwood Ltd, Hamilton

Ron is a Registered Valuer and a Registered Agricultural Consultant. He is a member of the NZ Institute of Valuers, the NZ Property Institute and the NZ Institute of Primary Industry Management. Ron worked for ten years with the Rural Bank and Finance Corporation and spent five years with AMP, assessing the values and profitability of farms in the greater Waikato & Central North Island region.



Hamish McMillan, Head of ANZ Rural, Hamilton

Hamish has been involved in Rural Banking for the last 9 years in Waikato, Franklin, Northland and now across the country in his current role. These roles were all within the National Bank up until the current role.

Hamish is involved as part of the management team for ANZ National Rural.

Hamish was a farmer himself in previous times as well as working in the fertiliser industry.



Christopher Mouat (Kit), Consultant, Goodman Steven Tavendale Reid, Christchurch

Prior to joining Goodman Steven Tavendale Reid, Kit spent 23 years with the Department of Lands & Survey, 18 as solicitor for the South Island. He also spent 13 years as Corporate Solicitor for Land Corporation Limited covering all of New Zealand, and practised on his own account for 8 years. Kit has appeared as counsel in matters concerning land value, status of Crown leases, review of Crown processes, planning issues and Maori issues and has a specific interest in land status.

SPEAKERS



Chris Moore, Partner, Meredith Connell, Auckland

Chris has over 30 years experience in the areas of commercial and commercial property law and heads his firm's commercial/commercial property team. He was the chair of Meredith Connell's Board for 7 years, retiring as chair late last year. He is also the chair of the NZLS Property Law Section and the president of the Auckland Branch of New Zealand Law Society. Chris has presented addresses on commercial property and construction issues at a number of industry and NZLS CLE conferences.



Kerry O'Donnell, Partner, Anderson Lloyd, Queenstown

Kerry is a partner in Anderson Lloyd's commercial team in Queenstown. She advises clients on commercial conveyancing, subdivisions, commercial leasing and due diligence for land acquisitions. She works with a number of overseas clients purchasing managed apartments for major developments and other land acquisitions.



Richard Parkes, Partner, Cavell Leitch Pringle and Boyle, Christchurch

Richard acts for developers, companies and private investors with a particular interest in rural law, and acts for Canterbury, Otago and Southland farmers. A significant focus of his work is in the rural sector involving farm equity partnerships, farm sales and purchases, dairy farming matters, asset protection and succession planning. He also has considerable experience with New Zealand's overseas investment laws and acting for offshore residents wishing to purchase farm land in New Zealand. Richard is on the Board and Committee of the Canterbury Agricultural & Pastoral Association.



Michael Singleton, Partner, Goodman Steven Tavendale Reid, Christchurch

Michael is a partner in the commercial team at Goodman Steven Tavendale Reid. He specialises in corporate and commercial law with an emphasis on banking and finance. He has extensive experience in advising banks and borrowers in relation to lending and structured finance arrangements in New Zealand and also overseas where he headed up a legal team within a large global financial institution.



Chris Spargo, BlackmanSpargo, Rotorua

Chris specialises in the rural sector and has significant expertise in the issues surrounding Fonterra as it affects rural transactions and suppliers.

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