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Dr Geoff Harley, Barrister, Wellington

Geoff is a barrister specialising in taxation. He has appeared in all courts for taxpayers in their disputes with Inland Revenue. Until recently he chaired the International Fiscal Association's New Zealand Branch. Geoff has written and presented extensively on tax matters. He currently teaches at Victoria University of Wellington's Law School and is a member of the University of Auckland Business School's Advisory Board.

SPEAKERS



Peter Boyce, Partner, PriceWaterhouse Coopers, Auckland

Peter has over 15 years experience (seven as partner) advising corporates and other entities on New Zealand tax issues. Although he has experience in a wide range of tax advisory assignments, he has a particular specialisation in mergers and acquisitions, international tax structuring and corporate restructures. Peter is the leader of the M&A tax group within PwC NZ and was a member of the National Tax Committee of NZICA for a number of years. He is a very experienced presenter on tax across a wide range of audiences and seminars.



Brendan Brown, Partner, Russell McVeagh, Wellington

Brendan advises on a variety of tax matters, including cross-border transactions, financing arrangements, and corporate acquisitions and restructurings. He has also represented clients in tax investigations and litigation against Inland Revenue. Brendan is a member of the New Zealand Law Society's Taxation Committee, and is a part-time lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington.



Richard Green, Barrister, Auckland

Richard is a barrister who advises on a range of taxation matters. He has a particular interest in tax dispute resolution and has appeared as counsel in several leading tax cases. A former Chairman of the New Zealand Branch of the International Fiscal Association, Richard has chaired and/or presented papers at many tax seminars and conferences over the years..



Joanne Hodge, Partner, Bell Gully, Auckland

Joanne is a tax partner in Bell Gully's Auckland office and has advised on tax matters for 25 years. She advises on all aspects of corporate taxation, including public and private company reorganisations, employee remuneration issues, structured finance transactions and investment into New Zealand.

SPEAKERS



Denham Martin, Lawyer, Auckland

Denham is a lawyer specialising in advising on all aspects of tax law. Formerly a tax and commercial law partner with Chapman Tripp, and principal of his own specialist law practice, Denham has had over 20 years helping clients with issues and problems. He is a very experienced seminar presenter and has published extensively on technical tax, trust and commercial law issues both here and overseas.



David Patterson, Partner, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Wellington

David advises on mergers and acquisitions; cross-border financing; commercial transactions and tax disputes. He is chair of the International Fiscal Association (2006); and a past member of Government Tax Review 2001 and Tax Education Office.



John Peterson, Partner, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Wellington

John has worked as a tax attorney in New York and a tax solicitor in London. He has specialist expertise in banking, structured finance, M&A and both private and public offerings. John has recently returned to New Zealand to specialise in international tax, structured finance and cross-border M&A. John was most recently involved in providing legal advice to the taxpayer in the last appeal of its kind to be heard before the Privy Council.



Casey Plunket, Partner, Champan Tripp, Auckland

Casey has extensive experience in corporate acquisitions, mergers and restructurings, both on-shore and cross-border. He has advised US investors in particular on structuring their NZ direct investment. Casey has also advised NZ and foreign institutions in cross-border structured finance transactions. Particular sectors he has been involved in include electricity, forestry and telecommunications.



Campbell Rose, Partner, Russell McVeagh, Auckland

Campbell has a wide tax practice, primarily focused on mergers and acquisitions, property, financing, managed funds and trust/asset planning matters. His work also involves advising in the context of Inland Revenue investigations and dispute resolution.

SPEAKERS



Richard Scouler, Partner, Russell McVeagh, Auckland

Richard focuses on the tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and cross-border transactions. He acts for some of New Zealand's largest domestic companies, a number of investment banks and for multi-nationals with operations in New Zealand.



Tony Wilkinson, Partner, Buddle Findlay, Auckland

Tony advises domestic and foreign clients on the New Zealand income tax and GST consequences of a broad range of transactions, including structured financings, mergers and acquisitions, in-bound and out-bound investment, and corporate restructurings. He also regularly provides advice to Government Departments. Tony has significant experience in tax disputes and negotiations with the Commissioner, and recently resolved one of the largest and most complex tax disputes which has arisen in New Zealand. Tony is a regular public speaker and has presented on a number of tax issues for both the New Zealand Law Society and the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants. Tony is a member of the New Zealand Law Society Taxation Committee.

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