

## SPEAKERS



### **Dr Andrew Butler, Russell McVeagh, Wellington**

Andrew is an associate at Russell McVeagh in Wellington. From May 1999 to May 2005 he was Crown Counsel at the Crown Law Office in Wellington. Prior to 1999 he was a senior lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington, specialising in equity, trusts, restitution, human rights and public law. He has written extensively here and abroad on human rights and public law and is the general editor of *Equity and Trusts in New Zealand* (Brookers, Wellington, 2003). In 2004 he tutored in equity and trusts at the University of Durham, England.



### **Mark Cassidy, Guardian Trust, Wellington**

Mark has over 25 years' experience setting up and managing trusts, both in the United Kingdom and New Zealand. He is currently the Manager Business Innovation for Guardian Trust and specialises in developing new trust services and process improvement for their Personal Client Services Division. Mark is an experienced presenter, having presented to several professional groups including the Institute of Chartered Accountants Trusts Special Interest Group and at the STEP mini conference in 2004.



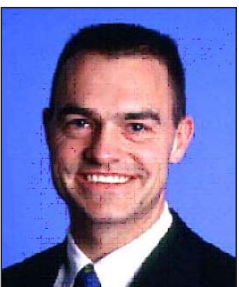
### **Jim Guest, Partner, Downie Stewart, Dunedin**

Jim has practised in most common law areas, but now concentrates on family and civil litigation, ADR and advisory work. For over twenty-five years, he has advised the Official Assignee, and exclusively did legal work for the Dunedin office from 1981 until the office was closed a few years ago. He also has a number of insolvency practitioners who instruct him. Jim is one of the authors of the soon to be published work on insolvency by LexisNexis, and is a contributor to a number of chapters of *Brookers Practice and Procedure*. He also teaches international law as part of the Master of International Studies degree at Otago, and is a Fellow of the Arbitrators' & Mediators' Institute of New Zealand Inc in both arbitration and mediation.



### **John Hart, Barrister, Auckland**

John has specialised in tax and trust law for 23 years. During that period he spent three years working in a senior management role in the offshore trust industry. John provides tax and trust advice to a wide range of New Zealand and offshore corporate and private clients, and not-for-profit organisations. A large component of his work is cross-border/international in nature. John is a frequent presenter at conferences in New Zealand and internationally, and has authored a number of publications on tax and trust law issues. John is Chairman of the New Zealand branch of STEP and is a STEP Council member.



### **David Ireland, Partner, Kensington Swan, Wellington**

David's principal area of practice is financial services. His specialties include advising on the establishment and operation of trusts as vehicles for attaining private and commercial goals. The founder-convener of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Wellington Branch trusts special interest group, David is a seasoned presenter on trust related issues and an Association of Superannuation Funds of New Zealand councillor.



### **Chris Kelly, Senior Legal Counsel, New Zealand Guardian Trust Co**

Chris has nearly 35 years' legal experience as an estate and trust lawyer, including a number of years as a family trusts specialist. As the General Counsel he heads the legal team at Guardian Trust. Chris has contributed to several legal texts, including two of the titles in *New Zealand Forms and Precedents* and is co-author of the recently published 6th edition of *Garrow and Kelly Law of Trusts and Trustees*.

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### **Greg Kelly, Gillespie Young Watson, Lower Hutt**

Greg has 25 years' of 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 Trust*, probate and administration author for *McGechan on Procedure* and co-author of the 6th edition of *Garrow and Kelly Law of Trusts and Trustees*. He has presented papers at a number of seminars and conferences.



### **Dr Iain McCormick, Psychologist, Auckland**

Iain heads the Executive Coaching Centre Limited in New Zealand. Prior to this he was Managing Director of Aon Human Resources Consulting, Hong Kong and a Consulting Partner in Deloitte working in Canada and New Zealand. He currently coaches and consults with a range of boards of directors, chief executives and other senior managers in New Zealand and Australia. Iain has a web based tools business selling board of director evaluation services and e-learning modules and he chairs the board of a medium sized Auckland based manufacturing company.



### **Jessica Palmer, Law Faculty, Otago University**

Jessica is a lecturer at Otago University and teaches courses in commercial and contract law. Her research interests lie mainly in equity, trusts, restitution and commercial law. Jessica has practised at Chapman Tripp and was a judges' clerk at the High Court in Auckland. She completed postgraduate studies at Cambridge University in 2005.



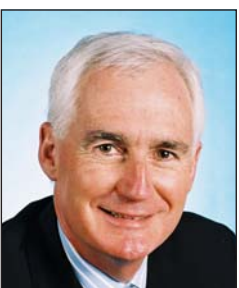
### **Bill Patterson, Partner, Patterson Hopkins, Auckland**

Bill has an extensive trust, commercial and equity litigation practice. He has presented many seminar papers for the NZLS, ADLS and the Institute of Chartered Accountants, including most recently the 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005 Trusts Conferences for the New Zealand Law Society, regular topics for the Institute's Trusts Special Interest Group and papers for the Accountants' Trusts Conferences of 2001 and 2004.



### **Nicola Peart, Professor of Law, Otago University**

Nicola was appointed to the Law Faculty at the University of Otago in 1987, where her research has focused on family property law and medical law. She is principal author of *Relationship Property on Death* (2004) and a contributing author to *Medical Law in New Zealand* (2006), both published by Thomson Brookers. She is a regular presenter at NZLS seminars and conferences.



### **William Stevens, Investment Adviser and Director, ABN AMRO Craigs, Auckland**

William is currently chairman of the NZX Discipline Committee. After a career as a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal New Zealand Navy, he has been in investment advisory work for the past 20 years. William joined Hendry Hay McIntosh in 1986 and was a director of that firm for five years until 1996 when it was acquired by Merrill Lynch (New Zealand). He was also a director of Merrill Lynch (New Zealand) for five years until part of that firm was acquired by ABN AMRO Craigs in 2001.

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**Pravir Tesiram, Partner, Taylor Grant Tesiram, Auckland**

Pravir specialises in trusts, personal and tax planning and superannuation.



**Stephen Tomlinson, Partner, Tomlinson Paull, Christchurch**

Stephen is a partner of Tomlinson Paull and advises on taxation and trust matters. Prior to co-founding Tomlinson Paull, he lectured in taxation, finance and business law at the University of Canterbury and is a well known presenter of taxation and trust seminars. Stephen is a co-author of the New Zealand chapter of *The International Guide to the Taxation of Trusts*.



**Simon Weil, Partner, Morrison Kent, Auckland**

Simon has practised in the specialist trust law and asset-protection planning field internationally and in New Zealand for more than a decade. He also has broad international practice experience in the property, company and commercial fields. Simon is a member of STEP and the Estate and Taxation Planning Council of New Zealand.

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