

## Chair



**Greg Kelly, Wellington**

Greg has 29 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*, a co-author of *Garrow and Kelly Law of Trusts and Trustees* (sixth edition) and of *Dobbies Probate and Administration Practice* (fifth edition). He has presented papers at a number of seminars and conferences for both the NZLS and other organisations throughout New Zealand.

## Speakers



**Ian Blackman, Partner, BlackmanSpargo, Rotorua**

Ian works exclusively in the rural sector specialising in succession planning and trusts for farming families.



**Anthony Grant, Barrister, Auckland**

Anthony is an Auckland based commercial barrister who has a special interest in the law of trusts. Much of his practice consists of trust litigation and trust advisory work and he is a regular presenter at seminars on aspects of the law of trusts.



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

Jim has been a partner in the Dunedin firm of Downie Stewart since 1982, having been admitted in 1977. He has practised in most common law areas, but now concentrates on family and civil litigation, ADR and advisory work. He is one of the authors of *Heath & Whale on Insolvency* published last year by LexisNexis, and is a contributor to a number of chapters of *Brookers Practice and Procedure*. Jim's practice necessarily involves advising and litigating on the fundamental aspects of property law: ownership, transfer (especially of less than full interests), securities, and entities.



**Chris Kelly, General Counsel, Guardian Trust, Wellington**

Chris has over 30 years' experience as an estates and trusts lawyer. As 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*. Chris is co-author of the sixth edition of *Garrow and Kelly Law of Trusts and Trustees* and the fifth edition of *Dobbies Probate and Administration*. Chris is a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand and a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.



**Denham Martin, Barrister, Auckland**

Denham specialises in advising on all aspects of tax and trust law. Formerly a tax and commercial law partner with Chapman Tripp, and now principal of his own specialist tax and trust law practice, Denham has had over 20 years' assisting clients with tax and trust issues and disputes. He has published extensively on technical tax and trust topics both here and overseas.



**Jessica Palmer, Senior Lecturer of Law, University of Otago**

Jessica teaches courses in contract, equity and commercial law. She has published articles and essays on issues of equity and restitution and is an author of *Equity and Trusts in New Zealand* (Butler (ed), 2nd ed, Thomson Brookers, 2009). She is a graduate of Auckland and Cambridge Universities and has worked at a large national law firm and as a judge's clerk.



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

Bill has an extensive trust, commercial and equity litigation practice. He has presented many seminar papers for NZLS, ADLS and the Institute of Chartered Accountants, including most recently the 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007 Trusts Conferences of the NZLS, the last three as chair. He also does regular topics for the Institute's Trusts Special Interest Group.



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

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



**George Tanner QC, Law Commissioner, Wellington**

George has worked in private practice, was a Crown Counsel in the Crown Law Office, joined the Parliamentary Counsel Office in 1981, and was the Chief Parliamentary Counsel from 1996 to 2007. He is a member of the Legislation Advisory Committee and an adviser to the Legislation Design Committee. He is a member of the Council of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel representing the Pacific region. George is leading the Law Commission Review into trust law and the joint Law Commission/LINZ project to review the Land Transfer Act.



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

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



**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 15 years. 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.



**Mike Whale, Consultant, Lowndes Associates, Auckland**

Mike practises in the corporate and commercial law areas, specialising in insolvency and restructuring law, and finance and securities law. A fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand, Mike was co-convener of the Joint Insolvency Law Reform Committee of that Institute and the NZLS from its inception in 1993 to 2001. He is a past Chairman of INSOL New Zealand and has served on the Board of INSOL International (an association of national organisations whose members are involved in insolvencies and corporate restructuring). Mike is co-editor with Justice Paul Heath of *Heath and Whale on Insolvency*, published by LexisNexis. He regularly presents papers on insolvency and corporate restructuring law issues at conferences in New Zealand and overseas.

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