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Chris Spargo, Partner, Blackman Spargo, Rotorua

Chris specialises in rural and commercial legal work. The majority of his work involves legal structures, family trusts, tax advice, property transactions, subdivisions and company legal work. Chris attended the Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme in 2011, a programme designed to develop emerging agribusiness leaders. He has presented papers for NZLS CLE Rural Intensives in 2007, 2009 and 2012.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Elizabeth Toomey, Professor, School of Law, University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Elizabeth specialises in the areas of real property law, resource management law, public works and sports law; and is a barrister of the High Court in New Zealand. She publishes widely in her areas of expertise both in New Zealand and internationally and has presented papers at NZLS and other conferences.



Tony O'Boyle, Director, Farmlands, Wellington

Tony has held various industry roles, beginning as a committee-man for New Zealand Dairy Group, leading to a Councillor for Fonterra's first Shareholders Council. He assumed the Chairman's role from 2002-2004. Tony also held significant positions on various Board sub-committees. Past and present directorships include being a Director of Rotorua Vet Club, Farmlands CRT Co-operative and ANZPAC Oils.

SPEAKERS



John Adams, Director – Tax, KPMG, Hamilton

John advises in the areas of cross border and domestic business structuring, trusts and companies. He works predominantly in the agribusiness, food retail, and property industries and has over 20 years experience in the fields of tax and trustee law.



Jen Crawford, Partner Owner, Anderson Lloyd Lawyers, Christchurch

Jen has 18 years' experience as a resource management specialist. She advises on all aspects of resource management law with a particular focus on urban and lifestyle developments, agribusiness and water law. Jen provides advice on water allocation, use and management to a range of clients throughout the South Island.

SPEAKERS



Murray Denyer, Partner, Cooney Lees Morgan, Bay of Plenty

Murray has specialist expertise in the kiwifruit sector, having worked for five years at Zespri Group Limited as General Counsel prior to joining Cooney Lees Morgan. As well as Zespri, his clients include post harvest businesses, individual growers, and orchard investment syndicates.



Fraser Goldsmith, Principal, Goldsmith Law, Dunedin

Fraser acts for many wineries, vineyards and contractors and exporters in Central and North Otago, and advises on industry initiatives. He also has extensive experience in capital-raising, securities law, business establishment and corporate insolvency work.



David Goodman, Partner Owner, Anderson Lloyd Lawyers, Christchurch

David is a member of Anderson Lloyd's Corporate and Commercial Team, advising on commercial, governance and corporate law matters. He acts for many irrigation companies in relation to governance, structure, and capital raising matters.



Brett Gould, Principal, Logan Gold Walsh Lawyers Limited, Masterton

Brett has a strong commercial and rural practice based on guiding parties into the most appropriate structures and providing for appropriate governance, management, operational, dispute resolution and succession provisions – and is now closely involved in farm syndications work.



Lachlan Muldowney, Partner, Tompkins Wake Lawyers, Hamilton

Lachlan leads the Local government/Environmental law team at Tompkins Wake, and advises many of the Waikato regulatory authorities. He has particular expertise in land development, urbanisation, and rural land use issues. He regularly advises on rural land development, water allocation and regulatory compliance within the agri-business sector.

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