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### **The Hon Justice Simon France, High Court, Wellington**

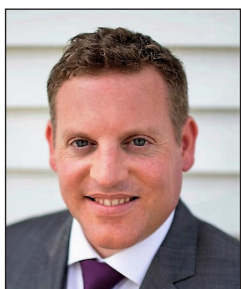
Justice Simon France graduated LLB (Hons) from the University of Auckland and LLM from Queen's University, Canada. In 1984 he began teaching and writing at Victoria University in the areas of criminal, administrative, and evidence law. From 1995 Justice France was an appellate advocate at the Crown Law Office, and team leader of the Human Rights team. Justice France was appointed to the High Court in January 2005. He is the Consulting Editor of Adams on Criminal Law and is the chair of the Criminal Rules Subcommittee.

## SPEAKERS



### **Kerryn Beaton, Barrister, Christchurch**

Kerryn is a barrister specialising in criminal defence. She has previously worked as a senior Crown prosecutor and Deputy Public Defender in Christchurch, and recently returned to New Zealand after two years as a Legal Officer with the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials in Cambodia.



### **Nicholas Chisnall, General Counsel, Public Defence Service, Wellington**

Prior to joining the Public Defence Service, Nicholas was Crown Counsel at Crown Law and a Crown prosecutor in both Wellington and Tauranga. He has conducted many trials and appeals for both the prosecution and defence. Nicholas is the editor of the criminal procedure section of the New Zealand Law Journal.



### **The Hon Justice Mathew Downs, High Court, Auckland**

Justice Downs graduated with an LLB (Hons) from Otago University in 1993, an LLM (Hons) from Cambridge University in 2001 and a Doctorate in Law from Otago University in 2011. He was appointed to the High Court in August 2016 and sits in Auckland. Prior to his appointment, Justice Downs was Senior Crown Counsel at Crown Law and one of New Zealand's most experienced appellate advocates. He is the editor-in-chief of Cross on Evidence, and a co-author of its next edition.



### **Jonathan Eaton QC, Barrister, Christchurch**

Jonathan specialises in criminal defence opinion, trial and appellate work. He joined the independent bar in 1998, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2013. Jonathan is currently the Vice-President - South Island of the NZBA and chairs the NZBA Criminal Law Committee. He is President of the Canterbury Branch of the CBA.

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### **Tiana Epati, Partner, Rishworth & Mathieson, Gisborne**

A former Crown prosecutor, Tiana specialises in criminal defence and general litigation and is a Youth Advocate. She is Vice President for the Central North Island on the New Zealand Law Society Board, and a member of the Women's Advisory Panel and Criminal Law Reform Committee. Tiana is also a member of the external sub-committee to the Legislation Design and Advisory Council (LDAC).



### **Fiona Guy Kidd, AWS Legal, Invercargill and Queenstown**

Fiona holds an LLB (Hons, first class), University of Otago and an LLM, University of Virginia. She was a junior solicitor at Russell McVeagh, a junior barrister, Crown Prosecutor and Crown Counsel/team leader in the Criminal Team at Crown Law. For the last five years Fiona has led a team of criminal defence specialists.



### **The Hon Justice Graham Lang, High Court, Auckland**

Justice Lang was appointed Crown Solicitor at Napier in 1995, then an Associate Judge of the High Court in 2002. He was appointed as a Judge of the High Court in 2005. He is the Criminal List Judge for the High Court at Auckland. Justice Lang is currently the chair of both the New Zealand Criminal Practice Committee and the Criminal Bench Book Committee.



### **Madeleine Laracy, Director, Public Defence Service, Wellington**

Madeleine was appointed Director of the Public Defence Service in April 2014. Her work has included representing defendants in criminal appeals. Prior to that Madeleine spent 16 years as a criminal lawyer with Crown Law. She appeared in many appeals in the Court of Appeal and has been lead counsel on a number of major criminal and contempt of court cases in the Supreme Court.



### **The Hon Justice Mark O'Regan, Supreme Court, Wellington**

Justice Mark O'Regan is a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, appointed in 2014. He holds a BA and LLM (Victoria University) and was admitted to the Bar in 1977. He was a partner at Chapman Tripp from 1984 to 2000. He became a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand in 2001 and was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2004, becoming its President in 2010.

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