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Duncan is a partner and a member of his firm's local government and environment group and board of management. He has more than 30 years' expertise extending across a range of industry sectors including resource management, local government, land valuation, and public law. Duncan's experience includes infrastructure development projects involving roads, water supply schemes, waste water treatment plants, gas pipelines, and transmission lines, as well as the consenting of large residential developments and commercial developments.

SPEAKERS



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Helen is a founding partner of the boutique environment and public law firm, Atkins Holm Majurey. She has worked for a number of years for both private and public sector clients on a range of environmental, local government and public law matters. Helen recently finished an 11-year term as a member of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Committee of the Environmental Protection Authority (ERMA). She is in her 3rd year as a Board member of the Water NZ Board.



Bob Hollyman, Barrister, Auckland

Bob practises as a barrister primarily in relation to commercial litigation. He was admitted in 1995 and has been a member of Shortland Chambers since 2006. Bob teaches Advanced Torts at Auckland University.



Dr Dean Knight, Victoria University, Wellington

Dean specialises in public law, with scholarly interests across a wide range of topics in constitutional and administrative law. Areas of particular emphasis in his work include judicial review of administrative action, local government and democracy, and constitutional reform.



Jo-Anne Knight, Simpson Grierson, Auckland

Jo-Anne has over 20 years' experience acting for contractors, principals, local authorities and consultants in the full range of building and infrastructure disputes. She also advises in the negotiation and drafting of construction contracts.

SPEAKERS



Austin Powell, Crown Law, Wellington

Austin is a Senior Crown Counsel in the Constitutional and Human Rights team at Crown Law. As part of a varied public law practice with an emphasis on human rights, extradition and international law he has argued numerous cases on the Bill of Rights Act 1990 for the Crown.



Professor Stephen Todd, University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Stephen is a Professor of Law at the University of Canterbury and a Professor of Common Law at the University of Nottingham in England. He is the general editor and principal author of *The Law of Torts in New Zealand* (7th edition, 2016) and a joint author of *The Law of Contract in New Zealand* (5th edition, 2016).

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