

## CHAIR



### **Professor Mark Henaghan, University of Otago, Dunedin**

Mark Henaghan is a Professor at the University of Otago Faculty of Law and he was the Dean of Law for the past 19 years. Professor Henaghan is a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Professor Henaghan specialises in all aspects of family law and is particularly interested in guardianship, the care of children, children's rights, relationship property, medical law, international family law, and the prevention of domestic violence and child abuse.

Professor Henaghan has written extensively on family law matters and he is the co-author of *Family Law Policy in New Zealand* (4th ed, LexisNexis, 2013) and joint author of *Family Law in New Zealand* (18th ed, LexisNexis, 2017), which are the leading New Zealand family law textbooks. Professor Henaghan is also the joint author of *Relationship Property on Death* (Thomson Brookers, 2004), which won the JF Northey prize for the best published law book in 2004 by legal academics in New Zealand. He is the sole author of *Health Professionals and Trust: The Cure for Healthcare Law and Policy* (Routledge, 2012) and *Care of Children* (LexisNexis, 2005). Professor Henaghan has also written more than 170 articles and book chapters on family law published in law journals and books around the world. His work has been extensively cited and across all levels of the New Zealand judiciary. He also provides legal advice on family law matters to lawyers and Barristers from New Zealand and overseas on a regular basis.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### **Lady Brenda Hale, President of The Supreme Court of the UK, London**

Lady Hale of Richmond took up appointment as President of The Supreme Court in September 2017 following her appointment as Deputy President. In October 2009 she became the first woman Justice of The Supreme Court. In January 2004, Lady Hale became the UK's first woman Lord of Appeal in Ordinary after a varied career as an academic lawyer, law reformer, and judge.

After graduating from Cambridge in 1966, she taught law at Manchester University, also qualifying as a barrister and practising for a while at the Manchester Bar. She specialised in family and social welfare law, was founding editor of the *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law*, and authored a pioneering case book on *The Family, Law and Society*.

In 1984 she was the first woman to be appointed to the Law Commission. Important legislation resulting from the work of her team includes the Children Act 1989, the Family Law Act 1996, and the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

In 1994 she became a High Court judge, the first to have made her career as an academic and public servant rather than a practising barrister. In 1999 she was the second woman to be promoted to the Court of Appeal, before becoming the first woman Law Lord.

## **SPEAKERS IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION**



### **Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Justice, Wellington**

From bake sales to the Beehive, Hon Andrew Little has devoted his whole life to advocating for New Zealanders. Growing up in New Plymouth, Andrew organised a cake-stall fundraiser for hungry and homeless African children. After university, where he studied law and philosophy, Andrew headed the Victoria University Students' Association and New Zealand Union of Students Associations where he marched for better access to affordable education. After graduation Andrew became a lawyer with the Engineers Union, ensuring employers lived up to their employment obligations to treat their staff with dignity and respect. In 2000, he was appointed EPMU national secretary and led New Zealand's largest private sector union for a decade.

Andrew entered Parliament in 2011 with a mission to leave behind a better country – a New Zealand where everyone has the opportunities he and his wife, Leigh, wish for their teenage son, Cam. As Leader of the Opposition (2014 – 2017) Andrew stood alongside unions and workers to successfully end zero-hours contracts.



### **Professor Jacinta Ruru, University of Otago, Dunedin**

Jacinta Ruru FRSNZ (Raukawa, Ngāti Ranginui), is Professor of Law at the University of Otago and Co-Director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga New Zealand's Centre of Māori Research Excellence.

Jacinta teaches first year law and upper level courses in Māori Land Law and Law and Indigenous Peoples, and is director of her innovative Te Ihaka: Building Māori Leaders in Law Programme (launched 2015).

Joining Associate Professor Tracey McIntosh, Jacinta is the co-director of Nga Pae o te Maramatanga New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence with a national and international reputation for expertise and innovation in transformative Māori focused multidisciplinary research.



### **Her Hon Judge Mary O'Dwyer, District Court, Wellington**

Judge Mary O'Dwyer was appointed to the District Court with a Family Court warrant in November 2002, and sits in Wellington and the Hutt Valley.

From 2002 to 2011 she sat in Dunedin and is a designated Youth Court Judge. She served on several New Zealand Law Society committees and on the Family Law Section Executive in 2001. She served on the Council of Legal Education for 9 years and was chair of the Family Court Education committee for 5 years.

She is the Administrative Family Court Judge for the Wellington Region. In 2014 she was a member of the Court Working Group addressing reforms to family violence in the Criminal and Family Court and she sits in the Hutt Valley Family Violence Court.

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### **His Hon Judge Haamiora Raumati, District Court, Gisborne**

Judge Raumati, of Ngati Mutunga, Ngati Toa, Te Atiawa and Ngati Kahungunu descent, was sworn in on 3 April 2017.

He had practised law in New Plymouth since his admission in 1995, working for RMY Legal (formerly Reeves Middleton Young) since 1999. He was made a partner of the firm in 2002.

Judge Raumati has experience in all areas of family law and was a lawyer for the child and youth advocacy service appearing in both the Family Court and Youth Court.



### **Lady Deborah Chambers QC, Bankside Chambers, Auckland**

Deborah was admitted to the bar in 1983, commenced practice as a barrister sole in 1989 and took silk in 2007. She specialises in relationship property law, trusts, estates and fiduciary duties. Her work in this area includes complex cases frequently involving international property. Deborah is also experienced at representing clients in mediations. She is the co-author of the best-selling handbook on domestic property and estate law *For Richer For Poorer* and also a co-author of the *New Zealand Master Trusts Guide*. Deborah was counsel for Mrs Clayton in *Clayton v Clayton* in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.



### **Stephen van Bohemen, Atticus Chambers, Christchurch**

Stephen's practice is a mix of relationship property and child law. He has presented at conferences and seminars for NZLS CLE and written articles on a variety of family law topics. Stephen is a contributing editor to *Brookers Family Law – Child Law, Family Procedure and Family Property* and a member of the Law Commission's Expert Advisory Group on the review of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976.



### **Anita Chan QC, Princes Chambers, Dunedin**

Anita's practice is in complex relationship property and child cases, often with an international element (parties or property overseas, cross-border child abduction, forum disputes). She is often retained as counsel in cases involving farms, trusts, high-value assets, and complex asset structures. Anita is also appointed by the Courts as lawyer for children, a role she particularly enjoys.

Anita is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers where she has previously held the offices of Vice-President, Counsel, Parliamentarian and Governor respectively. She has presented extensively on a diverse range of family law topics both nationally and internationally, including in Brisbane, Adelaide, Seoul, Shanghai, Capetown, Vancouver, Singapore, Buenos Aires, Budapest and Tokyo.

Anita is the author of the chapter of *New Zealand Family Law in Family Law – Jurisdictional Comparisons* (part of the European Lawyer Reference series published by Thomson Reuters UK). She is, together with Tammy Whelan, co-author of the New Zealand chapter in *International Relocation of Children, a global guide from practical law* (published by Thomson Reuters UK).

## **SPEAKERS IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION**



### **Lope Ginnen, Halcyon Chambers, Auckland**

Lope is a barrister specialising in family law, particularly child representation in the Family Court.

She balances her legal practice with corporate governance work. Lope is an independent director and chairperson of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Whai Maia Limited, the hapū's tribal development company; a trustee of Emerge Aotearoa, which provides services to people affected by disability, mental illness or alcohol and other drug addictions; and a director of Vaka Tautua, a "by Pacific for Pacific" health support service provider.

She is a trustee of Brainwave Trust Aotearoa, a charity that raises awareness of brain research about the impact of early experiences on infant and adolescent brain development. Lope is a member of the community advisory group of the Alcohol and other Drug Treatment Courts and the independent advisory group to Precision Driven Health.



### **Professor Bill Atkin, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington**

Bill is a Professor of Law at Victoria University of Wellington and has taught and published across a range of subjects including family law. Among other things, he has often made submissions to Parliament and government agencies, and is on the Expert Advisory Group for the Law Commission's relationship property project.

The third edition of his book on that topic has just been published: Relationship Property in New Zealand. He was the General Editor of the International Survey of Family Law for 10 years, and in 2017 the International Society of Family Law awarded him a Distinguished Service Award.

He is on the Advisory Board of the Cambridge Family Law Centre. In the last three years he has enjoyed an active grandparenting role.



### **Nikki Chamberlain, University of Auckland, Auckland**

Nikki is a Lecturer at the University of Auckland Law School. Prior to lecturing at Auckland, she lectured Legal Writing at Vanderbilt University Law School in the United States. Nikki has a BA/LLB (Hons) degree from Auckland and an LLM degree from Vanderbilt. She made the Dean's List for Academic Excellence in her LLM.

Before her LLM, Nikki practised as a commercial litigator at MinterEllisonRuddWatts in Auckland. She was a Senior Associate practising in contract law, tort law, company law, family law, insolvency law, trust litigation and estate litigation. She represented high profile and net-worth individuals, including Mona Dotcom, in their relationship property disputes. She has appeared in the New Zealand Court of Appeal, the High Court, the District Court and the Family Court.

Nikki lectures the Law of Family Property, Law of Torts and Privacy Law at Auckland.

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### **Associate Professor Nicola Taylor, University of Otago, Dunedin**

Nicola is Director of the Children's Issues Centre at the University of Otago. She also holds the Alexander McMillan Chair in Childhood Studies and works closely with the Faculty of Law. Nicola has a Bachelor of Social Work (Hons) degree, a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree, a PhD, and has been admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

She is also an accredited mediator. Nicola has a particular interest in socio-legal research with children, parents and professionals on private law issues involving children's post-separation care arrangements, relocation, abduction, children's views and participation, child-inclusive practice and family dispute resolution.

She is currently involved in major research projects evaluating the 2014 New Zealand family law reforms, relationship property division, and children's voice and participation in 1980 Hague Convention proceedings on international child abduction and other relevant Hague Convention proceedings.



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