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## SPEAKERS



### **Graeme Christie, Bankside Chambers, Auckland**

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### **James Dow, MinterEllisonRuddWatts, Auckland**

James is an infrastructure, major projects & construction lawyer with extensive experience in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. He advises clients in both the private and public sectors on complex projects, developments and debt funded projects and has advised extensively on project procurement and bankability.



### **Robert Fisher QC, Bankside Chambers, Auckland**

Robert is an arbitrator, mediator, former judge, and resolver of construction disputes. He is a regular writer and presenter on arbitration, mediation and legal topics.



### **Amanda Greenwood, The Fletcher Construction Company Limited, Auckland**

Amanda leads a team of lawyers providing practical legal solutions for the procurement and delivery of Fletcher Construction's Projects in New Zealand and the South Pacific. She has also worked in the Middle East, United Kingdom and Australia advising clients on a wide variety of construction and engineering projects and disputes, including renewable energy, rail, roading and water infrastructure. Amanda is an experienced litigator and an accredited mediator.

## SPEAKERS



### **David Kelly, Registered Master Builders' Association, Auckland**

Prior to taking up his current role, David was a Deputy Chief Executive for the Department of Building and Housing and subsequently Director of the Canterbury Recovery Programme for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Going back further, David held a number of senior roles in local government including that of Chief Executive of South Waikato District Council.



### **Jo-Anne Knight, Simpson Grierson, Auckland**

Jo-Anne is a partner in Simpson Grierson's litigation department, specialising in construction disputes. She has over 20 years' experience acting for contractors, principals, local authorities and consultants in the full range of building and infrastructure disputes.



### **John Lucas, Insurance Council of New Zealand (ICNZ), Wellington**

John facilitates several ICNZ technical working committees. He is the ICNZ spokesperson for property, marine and motor insurance issues and takes a leading role coordinating the industry response to an Insurance emergency event. John is also a Senior Associate of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance.



### **Matt Maling, Lane Neave, Christchurch**

Matt is a specialist construction lawyer and leads Lane Neave's building and construction team. He has a Masters in construction law and is a multiple construction law prize winner (University of Melbourne). Matt is a member of the Society of Construction Law (NZ), an associate member of AMINZ and a director of New Zealand Opera.



### **Hugh Norriss, Workplace Wellbeing Consultant, New Zealand**

Hugh is an independent workplace wellbeing programme consultant with over 20 years' senior management experience in the delivery and development of mental health services and mental wellbeing programmes.

## SPEAKERS



### **Rachel Pinny, Thorndon Chambers, Wellington**

Rachel has over 15 years' experience in insolvency. She regularly acts for banks and insolvency practitioners, including in some of New Zealand's most complex insolvencies.



### **Polly Pope, Russell McVeagh, Auckland**

Polly is a partner at Russell McVeagh, whose commercial disputes practice has a particular focus on infrastructure and construction, insolvency, and regulatory disputes. She is a fellow of AMINZ and a recipient of the Sir Ronald Davison Award for Excellence in Arbitral Award Writing.



### **Sarah Sinclair, MinterEllisonRuddWatts, Auckland**

Sarah is a highly-regarded construction, infrastructure and major projects specialist. She is the Chair of the leading law firm MinterEllisonRuddWatts and also a Partner in its construction and infrastructure team.



### **Michael Weatherall, Simpson Grierson, Auckland**

Michael heads Simpson Grierson's construction law team, and has over 25 years specialising in construction law. He is a past President of the New Zealand Society of Construction Law, was a member of the Standards New Zealand – NZS 3910 Committee, and is the co-author of *Kennedy-Grant and Weatherall on Construction Law* (Lexis Nexis, 2017).



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