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Jenny is an Auckland-based barrister specialising in commercial litigation and has appeared in cases in the areas of company and securities law, fair trading and consumer finance law, competition law, and insolvency law. She has acted for both corporate clients and individuals involved in investigations and proceedings by the Commerce Commission and Financial Markets Authority, as well as advising in a wide range of civil disputes. Prior to joining Shortland Chambers in 2011, Jenny was a litigation partner at Bell Gully.

## SPEAKERS



### **David Bigio QC, Shortland Chambers, Auckland**

David has been a Barrister sole since May 2003 and joined Shortland Chambers in 2008 and took silk in 2016. He provides advisory and advocacy services to a diverse range of commercial, institutional and private clients. David has acted as counsel for the plaintiffs in several matters involving a litigation funder. He also acted for LPF Group Ltd when it was granted leave to intervene in an appeal to the Supreme Court in which funding arrangements had been put in issue.



### **The Honourable Nicholas Davidson QC, AMINZ, New Zealand**

Nicholas has wide experience including criminal defence and later prosecution for the Serious Fraud Office and the Crown in many fraud cases. He was a solicitor for lead underwriters at Lloyds specialising in professional liability, with a practice in relationship property, estate and trust litigation, advising local authorities and private clients.



### **Philippa Fee, Fee Langston, Auckland**

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### **Jordan Grimmer, Shortland Chambers, Auckland**

Jordan is a junior barrister at Shortland Chambers. Before joining the bar, he worked for two years as a judges' clerk at the Auckland High Court. Jordan has a wide-ranging interest in civil and criminal litigation, and particularly enjoys the fields of equity, torts, and administrative law. He currently tutors equity at the University of Auckland Law School.

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### **Ben Hamlin, Commerce Commission, Wellington**

Ben is an experienced litigator in both the civil and criminal jurisdictions. He has appeared as junior counsel in all Courts, and currently works for the Commerce Commission as Deputy General Counsel, Competition, leading a team of senior lawyers. Ben's particular areas of interest are administrative law, white collar crime, competition and consumer law, and economic regulation.



### **Victoria Heine, Thorndon Chambers, Wellington**

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## SPEAKERS



### **Julian Long, Shortland Chambers, Auckland**

Julian is a general commercial litigator whose heritage extends back to Russell McVeagh in the early 1990s, to becoming the founder of his own firm (with some friends) in the early noughties. He has recently entered his fifth decade on this earth and continues to try to be “tomorrow’s lawyer”.



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

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### **Tim Smith, Bell Gully, Wellington**

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### **Adina Thorn, Adina Thorn Lawyers, Auckland**

Adina is a highly-experienced lawyer in the areas of commercial and property litigation and disputes resolution. She has a deep appreciation of the realities behind business risks and decision making as well as the ability to bring outstanding advocacy to the table. Adina has co-authored the New Zealand chapter of *Getting the Deal Through* 2017, 2018 and 2019, and *The Third Party Litigation Funding Law Review 2019*, and she is involved in a number of funded actions.



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