

## CHAIR



### **Mary Joy Simpson, Hesketh Henry, Auckland**

A specialist in trust and estate planning law, Mary Joy regularly reviews and provides advice on personal asset management plans. She is experienced in navigating issues arising for clients and families as they put in place, and act under, enduring powers of attorney. Mary Joy has previously presented for NZLS CLE on trust drafting and ADLS on enduring powers of attorney.

## SPEAKERS



### **Vicki Ammundsen, VATL, Auckland**

Vicki is a trust practitioner. She has an appreciation of the issues that confront older clients in the context of and interaction between estate planning, residential care subsidy concerns, relationship, family and trust related issues.



### **Theresa Donnelly, Perpetual Guardian, Auckland**

Theresa is the Legal Services Manager at Perpetual Guardian. She graduated from Auckland University in 1992 and has a wealth of experience in Elder Law and Wills related matters. Theresa was formerly from Public Trust (Senior Solicitor and Team Leader) and the Ministry of Social Development where she was lead Senior in the Public Law Team, working with Older People's Policy and the Office of Senior Citizens. She is a regular presenter to professional groups such as NZLS CLE, ADLS, STEPS, CCH, Legalwise and CAANZ.



### **Kirsti Laird, SBM Legal, Auckland**

Kirsti joined SBM Legal as a Senior Associate in November 2020. She commenced practice as an employment lawyer in 2003 at a national firm having graduated from the University of Canterbury with an LLB (hons) and BA in History and Classical Studies. Kirsti worked in the employment law teams of multi-national firms in London before returning to New Zealand. She is an experienced employment lawyer who advises both employers and employees in a wide range of employment law issues. Kirsti's advice is always practical and designed to find solutions to problems that arise in workplaces. Her expertise includes advising on restructuring, disciplinary and performance issues, discrimination, the employment aspects of mergers and acquisitions, and dispute resolution.



### **Stephen McCarthy, Barrister, Auckland**

Stephen practises in family and civil litigation. He has a particular interest in property and estate disputes. Stephen has practised as a barrister since early 2006 and prior to that was a litigation partner in a Manukau City firm for over 20 years. He was convener of the ADLS Mental Health and Disability Law Committee 1991-1995 and Family Law Committee 2001-2003. Stephen has presented Law Society seminars and conference papers on mental health, family and property law topics.

## SPEAKERS



### **Neil Russ, Russ + Associates, Auckland**

Neil specialises in all corporate and international tax issues and transaction advice, tax risk management and contentious matters. He is the Convenor of the NZLS Tax Law Committee.



### **Todd Simmonds, Lorne Street Chambers, Auckland**

Todd was admitted to the bar in 1990 and specialises in criminal and regulatory litigation. He has extensive trial experience in the High and District Courts, and has appeared many times as lead counsel in the Court of Appeal. Prior to becoming a barrister sole in 2004, Todd was a senior prosecutor with Meredith Connell, the office of the Auckland Crown Solicitor. He has been a member of the Auckland Crown Solicitor's panel since 2004 and was appointed to the Manukau Crown Solicitor's panel upon its inception in 2015. In 2006 Todd was appointed as senior counsel to the New Zealand Defence Force Courts-Martial panel, and in 2010 was appointed to the Serious Fraud Office prosecution panel. He is a past convenor of the ADLS's Criminal Law Committee and is currently the Deputy Chair of the New Zealand Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee. Todd is also a member of the pro-bono prosecution panel for the Auckland SPCA.



### **Penny Swarbrick, SBM Legal, Auckland**

Penny is a partner at SBM Legal. She has over thirty years of broad legal experience. In the course of her career Penny has worked for the NZ Department of Labour as a solicitor, as an employers' representative and solicitor with the national employers' organisation, as a barrister sole before forming this specialist employment law firm. As a result she brings an extensive insight into the practical implications of employment relationship problems for her clients.



### **Matthew Tetley-Jones, McVeagh Fleming, Auckland**

Matthew graduated from the University of Auckland and was admitted to the bar in 1988. He worked in civil, family and criminal litigation in his early days, first with McVeagh Fleming and then as a barrister in the 1990s. In 2000 he joined Tetley-Jones Thom Sexton, then under the leadership of his father Maurice Tetley-Jones. He continued as a general litigator and appeared as junior counsel in *Ladstone Holdings Limited v Leonora Holdings Limited* [2006] NZLR 211, a case dealing with alleged misrepresentation in relation to the sale of land. In 2006, he moved into transactional work and took over as principal at Tetley-Jones Thom Sexton. In 2011 he joined McVeagh Fleming as a partner. He now deals with sale and purchase of land, property law, trusts, wills, relationship property, elder law and occasionally a bit of intellectual property. He no longer appears in court as counsel but has been a defendant, in his capacity as executor in a Family Protection Act case - *Webb v Tetley-Jones* [2014] NZFC 1036.

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