

## CHAIR



### **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. In 2010 he was appointed to the Serious Fraud Office prosecution panel.

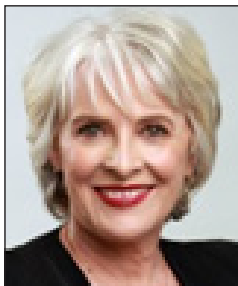
Between 2011 and 2018, Todd served as a member of the New Zealand Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal. Between 2010 and 2019, he served as a member of the New Zealand Law Society's Criminal Law Committee. Todd is a past convenor of the Auckland District Law Society's Criminal Law Committee and is currently the Deputy Chair of the New Zealand Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee. He is also a member of the pro-bono prosecution panel for the Auckland SPCA.

## SPEAKERS



### **Vicki Amundsen, 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.



### **Vivienne Crawshaw QC, Hobson Chambers, Auckland**

Vivienne specialises solely in family law with a particular focus on relationship property matters and cases involving children. She was admitted to the Bar in 1988. Vivienne is a member of the Lawyer for Child panel. Vivienne has presented papers to the International Bar Association Conference, the NZ Family Law Conference and to members of the NZ Law Society throughout the country. She appears as counsel in relationship property and children's cases at family court and appellate level. Vivienne was appointed as Queens Counsel in November 2018.

## **SPEAKERS**



### **Donna-Maree Cross, Lorne Street Chambers, Auckland**

Maree is experienced in criminal and civil litigation. In addition to her LLB (Hons)/BA from the University of Auckland (graduating with a Senior Prize and Senior Scholarship respectively), she holds an LLM (graduating as a Scholar) from Columbia University in the City of New York, where she specialised in trial and appellate practice. Maree was previously full-time junior counsel to David PH Jones QC. She was subsequently a Senior Associate at MinterEllisonRuddWatts before joining the independent bar in February 2016. Maree has acted for a number of high profile individuals and appears regularly in court, including in the jury-trial jurisdiction.

She has been a member of the New Zealand Bar Association Law Reform Committee since 2016. Maree is Deputy Convenor of one of the Auckland Standards Committees. She is an appointed member of the NZLS National S30 Interview Panel. Maree is also the author of the chapter on “Surveillance” and upcoming chapter on “The Privacy Act 2020” in the Thomson Reuters’ publication, Privacy Law in New Zealand.



### **Stephen McCarthy QC, 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 convenor 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.



### **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.



### **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.

## SPEAKERS



### **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 Matthew 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, Matthew moved into transactional work and took over as principal at Tetley-Jones Thom Sexton. In 2011 he joined McVeagh Fleming as a partner. Matthew now deals with sale and purchase of land, property law, trusts, wills, relationship property, elder law and occasionally a bit of intellectual property.

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