

## CHAIR



### **Anita Chan, Barrister, Dunedin**

Anita is a barrister specialising in family law. She is an experienced relationship property lawyer and a passionate Lawyer for the Child. Anita is a past chair of the Family Law Section. She has presented on family law in numerous conferences; including presentations on the Property (Relationships) Act in Wellington (NZ Family Law Conference 2005), Shanghai (IAML 2006), the role of Lawyer for the Child in Brisbane (LAWASIA 2003), and participated as a speaker in two sessions in the 2008 Australian Family Law Conference. Anita was awarded a scholarship by the International Bar Association (London) in 1991 and became a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML) in 2006. She is a regular guest presenter in family law at the University of Otago.

## PRESENTERS



### **Gillian Basher, Forensic Interviewer, Hamilton**

Gillian has worked as a forensic interviewer for approximately 16 years and has conducted over 2000 interviews with children. Prior to being an interviewer she was a family therapist and a social worker. Gillian has a role as a specialist trainer at the Police College for the Child Sexual Abuse Team detective courses and the Youth Services Courses in the field of children's language and talking to children. She also assesses on the national Forensic Interviewing Course at the College and trains Child Youth and Family social workers in the Midlands Region in child focussed interviewing.



### **Jennifer A. Binns, Barrister, Hamilton**

Jenny has been in practice for over 27 years and specialises in family law and mediation. She is a senior Lawyer for the Child who has acted for children since 1983. She is currently a long serving member of the Family Law Section's Counsel for the Child Standing Committee and Family Law Friends Panel. Jenny was formerly a Disputes Tribunal Referee, Tenancy Adjudicator and Youth Advocate. She is also a current member of the Human Rights Review Tribunal and the Waikato Bay of Plenty Disciplinary Tribunal. She has been a single parent for many years and has two sons, now aged 19 and 21.



### **Murray Cochrane, Billing Lawyers, New Plymouth**

Murray has been with Billings Lawyers, New Plymouth since 1974. For over 30 years he has specialised in legal work involving either children or relationship break ups and their consequences. Murray has acted as Lawyer for the Child for over 25 years, spent 20 years on NZLS Committees involved with family law issues and has presented papers on family law topics at conferences in New Zealand and overseas. He completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Child Advocacy through the Children's Issues Centre of the University of Otago in 2005. For light relief Murray is a District Inspector for Mental Health in Taranaki.



### **Alan Goodwin, Corban Revell, Waitakere City**

Alan qualified in the United Kingdom where he practised criminal and family law for a number of years before emigrating to New Zealand in 1994. Since then he has specialised in all aspects of family law and has been a member of the Lawyer for the Child panel engaged by the Family Court for over ten years.

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### **Caroline Hannan, Wellington Family Law, Wellington**

Caroline has practised family law for 17 years, first in Gisborne then moving to Wellington in 1999. In July 2002 she joined Wellington Family Law, and her practice has been exclusively family law since then. She has previously been a Youth advocate, and has acted as Lawyer for the Child since 1996.



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

Mark is Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Otago, specialising in family law. He is a co-author of *Family Law Policy in New Zealand*, 3rd edition LexisNexis Butterworths 2007, *Family Law in New Zealand*, 12th edition, LexisNexis Butterworths 2005, and *Relationship Property on Death* (2004 Thomson Brookers), *Relationship Property Consolidated Legislation and Analysis* (2001 Brookers Thomson) and is the sole author of *Care of Children* (2005 LexisNexis Butterworths). Mark is an author and member of the Editorial Board for LexisNexis Family Law Service and the New Zealand Family Law Journal, and author of a number of articles on family law. He is also a member of Editorial Board of *Child and Family Law Quarterly* (UK).



### **Don Houchen, Professional Risks AON New Zealand Limited, Wellington**

Don is the General Manager of Professional Risks Aon New Zealand Ltd, with 48 years experience in the insurance industry. He is an insurance consultant to a significant number of Professional Associations in New Zealand including the Association of Consulting Engineers of New Zealand Incorporated (ACENZ), the Consulting Engineers Advancement Society Inc (CEAS), the NZ Architects Co-operative Society Ltd (NZACS), the Land Professionals Mutual Society Inc (LPMS), the Property Institute of New Zealand (PINZ), Justitia Mutual Association Inc (Justitia), NZ Bar Association Inc (NZBA) and many others. He was a recipient of the ACENZ Special Award in 2006 for services to the Engineering Profession in New Zealand.



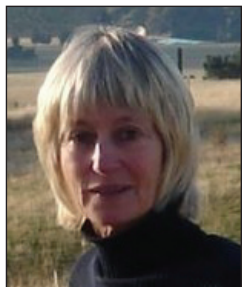
### **Simon Jefferson, Barrister, Auckland**

Simon has had more than 25 years of legal experience in family law. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, has been an Executive Member of the Family Law Section of the New Zealand Law Society from 2001-2008, and has presented many seminars and papers for the Law Society. He is the author of the text on Wardship for Thomson Brookers and has contributed to a number of publications and conferences in the United States and Australia. In 1989 he was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in the United Kingdom.

### **Emma Parsons, Barrister, Auckland**

Emma has been practising in family law for 15 years and has been receiving appointments as Lawyer for the Child for 10 of those years. She has a particular interest in Hague Convention cases, appellate work, practice and procedure, and messy and complex family law cases. Emma particularly enjoys the challenge of researching law that is developing.

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**Jan Pryor, Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families, Te Putahi Rangihau Whanau, Wellington**

Jan is Associate Professor and Director of the Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families at Victoria University. She has worked regularly with Family Court professionals in an educational role, and was a specialist report writer for ten years. She co-authored *Children in Changing Families. Life After Parental Separation*, published by Blackwells in 2001, and is editor of the *International Handbook on Stepfamilies*, to be published by John Wiley in 2008.



**Stephen van Bohemen, Barrister, Christchurch**

Stephen's practice is focussed on all aspects of family law. He has acted for children in Nelson, Wellington, Porirua, Christchurch and Ashburton over the past 20 years. He has been a member of the NZLS Litigation Skills faculty for a number of years and is intrigued by the tension between the procedural and evidential rules of litigation and the goal of obtaining the best outcomes for children in Family Court proceedings.



**Karen Wilson, Child Youth and Family, Hamilton**

Karen is the Manager of Child, Youth and Family Manuwai Specialist Services in Hamilton, a unit comprising psychologists and child forensic interviewers. She has been with Child, Youth and Family for 26 years, working initially as a residential social worker in a teenage girls' remand home, and then joining Manuwai as a forensic (specialist) interviewer. In 1994 Karen was awarded a Nuffield Scholarship and undertook research in the United Kingdom on forensic interviewing practice. She has presented at international conferences on interviewing children. Since 1996 Karen has been the designated Police College trainer for the joint Police and Child, Youth and Family Forensic (Evidential) Interviewing course.

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