

CHAIR



The Hon Justice Bruce Robertson, Court of Appeal, Wellington

Appointed a High Court Judge in 1987, Justice Robertson was president of the Law Commission from 2001 - 2005. For the last decade he has presided in the Court of Appeal of Vanuatu. His Honour has had intensive involvement in the NZLS Litigation Skills programmes at all levels. He is Editor-in-Chief of the NZLS text *Introduction to Advocacy* and of *Adams on Criminal Law*.

SPEAKERS



The Hon Justice Kenneth Hayne AC, High Court of Australia, Canberra

Kenneth Madison Hayne was appointed to the High Court of Australia in September 1997. At the time of his appointment he was a judge of the Court of Appeal of Victoria having been appointed one of the foundation judges of the Court in 1995. He was appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2002.



The Hon Justice William Young, President of the Court of Appeal, Wellington

A barrister and solicitor between 1978 and 1988 and a barrister from 1988 to 1997. Justice William Young took silk in 1991, was appointed to the High Court in December 1997 and to the Court of Appeal in November 2003. He was appointed President in 2005.



Judith Ablett Kerr ONZM QC, Dunedin

An honours graduate of QMC, University of London, Judith was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple in 1970 and admitted as a Barrister in NZ in 1982. Appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1995 she was awarded the ONZM for services to the Legal Profession in 2002. She is a member of the Ministry of Justice Criminal Practice Committee.



William Akel, Partner, Simpson Grierson, Auckland

William has represented media interests in many leading authorities on the role of the media in the criminal process, including *Liddell*, *Burns*, *Mahanga* and *Re victim X*, and the recent Court of Appeal decisions in *Noel Rogers* and *Marfart and Prieur*. He has also an extensive civil media law practice - defamation, privacy, broadcasting standards issues, prior restraint and pre-publication advice.

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**Frances Blyth, Manager Strategic Development,
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Within the LSA, Frances has responsibility for research into unmet legal needs, service development planning, legal aid policy development, legal information and education. Frances is currently leading a review of initial criminal legal services covering the PDLA Scheme and the Duty Solicitor Scheme.



Paul Davison QC, Auckland

Paul has practiced as a barrister since 1990, taking silk in 1996. He was appointed to the Auckland Crown Solicitor's Prosecution Panel when it was founded in 1981, and was a member of the SFO Prosecution Panel from 1998 to 2005. He has prosecuted high profile criminal trials including *R v Scott Watson* and *R v Malcolm Rewa*, and successfully defended cases such as the prosecution of Judge Beattie and the SFO prosecution last year of some trustees of the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust.



Tony Ellis, Barrister, Wellington

Tony is a leading Human Rights lawyer, with degrees in law from Australia, NZ and the UK. His case law approach is normally on an expansive international and comparative basis. He is also President of the New Zealand Council for Civil Liberties.



Christine Gordon, Partner, Meredith Connell, Auckland

A partner since 1987, Christine is also the Deputy Public Prosecutor for the Pitcairn Islands and was involved in the prosecutions of Island men for a variety of sexual offences and the subsequent appeals which attracted worldwide media interest.



Dale La Hood, Luke Cunningham & Clere, Wellington

Dale was until recently an associate with Sladden Cochrane, Wellington. There, he regularly appeared as counsel in jury trials and appeals and also specialised in litigation against the Crown. Since August 2006, he has been employed as a prosecutor by the Crown Solicitor, Wellington.

SPEAKERS



Robert Lithgow, Barrister, Wellington

Robert has been a barrister sole since 1985 apart from a three-year contract with the Crown Law Office criminal team. Robert is a regular faculty member and director at NZLS Litigation Skills programme. He was a regular contributor to NZLJ Criminal Practice Section



Peter Marshall, Assistant Commissioner, New Zealand Police, Wellington

Peter has been a member of the New Zealand Police for 34 years and has responsibility for crime, operations, road policing and youth services within the organisation. Most of his career has been with the Criminal Investigation Branch and he has spent six years overseas as a police liaison officer in both Canberra and Washington DC.



Philip Morgan QC, Hamilton

Philip was admitted to the Bar in 1977. After periods of general practice in Palmerston North and a period working for a firm of solicitors specializing in crime in London, he became a Crown prosecutor with Meredith Connell in 1982. He later became an employee and then a partner of the Crown Solicitor at Hamilton and practiced as a Crown prosecutor in Hamilton until 1998. Philip joined the independent bar in that year and took Silk in 2003.



Jeff Orr, Chief Legal Counsel, Ministry of Justice, Wellington

Jeff came to New Zealand from the United States in 1994 and worked for the Commerce Commission then for the Ministry of Economic Development before taking up his current position. Jeff oversees the provision of legal services across the Ministry and manages the Ministry's judicial and statutory appointments unit. He is a member of the Legislation Advisory Committee.

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