

## **PRESENTERS**



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Kevin Muir is the partner in Morgan Coakle, who leads the Family Law team. His family law practice is focused on relationship property and estate issues. Through his professional indemnity insurance work for lawyers, he has observed that a significant proportion of the claims and disciplinary actions arise from family law files.



### **Judge Mary O'Dwyer, Dunedin**

Judge Mary O'Dwyer was appointed to the Family Court, District Court and Youth Court in November 2002 and sits in Dunedin. Judge O'Dwyer graduated from Birmingham University, England in 1977 with LLB Honours, and is a barrister of Gray's Inn, London. She practised as a barrister for 15 years in London and throughout the United Kingdom, specialising in criminal and family law. From 1993 she practised in Christchurch as a partner in Cunningham Taylor. She has served on several of New Zealand Law Society committees and on the Family Law Section Executive in 2001. Judge O'Dwyer has a keen interest in improving standards of advocacy in the Family Court.

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