

NZ LAW



Solicitors Conference

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Christchurch | 1 - 2 May 2025



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Solicitors Training and Development Programme

Featuring Presentations from:

- Emily Morrow
- Ella Gaffney, Downie Stewart
- Richard Hearn, Corcoran French
- Lesley Runciman, AON NZ
- Steven Moe, Parry Field Lawyers

NZ LAW Solicitors Conference Agenda

Up to 36 months post grad experience. This conference is focussed on giving junior practitioners information about the operation of a law firm and the personal skills and connections they need to develop for success in private practice.

Day One: Thursday 1 May 2025

6.75 CPD hours

10.00am Registration & Morning Tea

10.30am **Welcome and Update by NZ LAW Director Jane Fletcher**
Jane will give you a brief run down on NZ LAW, who we are and what we do.

.5 CPD **Introduction to the NZ LAW Banking Package**
Hamish Mabey, ANZ



11.00am
1.5 CPD HR **Communication, influencing, and Self Presentation Skills; The "X factor" in Law Practice Success**
In addition to high-quality technical skills and hard work, what else does it take to be successful in the practice of law? As a younger practitioner, what do you need to be doing now to ensure you have that X factor? In this practical, interactive and enjoyable workshop, Emily Morrow will focus on understanding your own and other people's temperament preferences (and how to use this knowledge to enhance your professional relationship building skills), communication skills, stress management in the workplace, and how to have constructive "challenging conversations" with clients, colleagues and fellow professionals. Based on her many years of working with lawyers and law firms in three countries, Emily will share a practical tool kit of immediately usable "soft skills" that consistently correlate with long-term success in the practice of law.
Emily Morrow, Key Note Speaker

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm
1 CPD HR **Dealing with Disputes as a Non-Litigator**
Disputes come in all shapes and forms and may land on your desk even when you are not a part of a litigation team at your firm. This talk aims to identify some common disputes and court actions that may land on a non-litigator's desk (such as statutory demands, fencing issues and consumer claims), and how to manage both the dispute and people involved (whether it's your unruly client or the lawyer on the other side).
Ella Gaffney, Downie Stewart

2.30pm
1 CPD HR **Identifying and Responding to Conflicts of Interest**
What are your obligations as a lawyer when you are acting for more than one party in a transaction? Conflicts can arise at any time and on any file. This session will focus the lens on the importance of early identification of conflicts of interest and the obligations of lawyers to not act when conflicts exist, including the key fiduciary and statutory obligations on lawyers in these situations and your obligations to your client. The potential outcomes and repercussions of failing to identify conflicts of interest will be discussed by reference to recent cases and examples. This session will also provide practical suggestions that will help enable you to raise questions around conflicts with your partner or supervisor.
Richard Hearn, Corcoran French

3.30pm Afternoon Tea
Day 1 concludes

5.45pm
Bus will depart hotel foyer returning approx. 9.30pm
Conference Activity & Pizza Dinner
Join us at *Serve Ping Pong & Darts* for an exciting and engaging experience! Attendees will enjoy a lively atmosphere filled with friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned player or trying your hand for the first time, our ping pong and darts games promise fun for everyone. Complemented by delicious pizza and refreshing drinks, it's the perfect way to unwind and connect with fellow conference members.



Day Two: Friday 2 May 2025

From 7.00am *Breakfast in the hotel Restaurant*

9.00am **NZ LAW Professional Indemnity Programme**

.75 CPD HR

Let's talk PI - employees obligations under the firms PI policy, why it's in your interest to know about the scope of policy coverage provided, the nitty gritty claims stats and last but not least the fish-hooks!
Lesley Runciman, AON NZ

9.45am *Morning Tea*

10.15am **Being an Impact Lawyer**

1 CPD HR

Is it possible to approach our careers as lawyers and view them through the lens of positive impact? In this session we will be considering this question in detail and asking what the mindset of an "impact lawyer" might be. Does it mean you only do pro bono work or legal aid work - or could this be reimagined to be something else that we all do?
Steven Moe, Parry Field Lawyers

11.15am **Open Panel Discussion, facilitated by Shehan de Silva**

1 CPD HR

Ever wanted to ask questions of newly appointed partners/directors or associates as to how they progressed to where they are now in their professional lives and what helped them achieve their goals along the way? We have put together a panel from our local NZ LAW firms to answer your curly questions on life in the legal profession and how they approach the challenges along the way including the important role junior lawyers play in firms and what they may have done differently as a junior lawyer. Chatham House Rules apply to this session.

12.15pm *Lunch - Conference Concludes*



Booking and Contact Information

Accommodation and meals will be booked on your behalf as requested on your online registration. Conference and accommodation are at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Christchurch**.

The Crown Plaza Hotel, 764 Colombo Street, Christchurch

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	Jane	Fletcher	Downie Stewart					

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			Wed 30 Apr	Thurs 1 May	
Emylie	Duffy	Allen Needham	1	1	1
Melissa	Maslin	Argyle Welsh Finnigan		1	1
Lily	Harbidge	Argyle Welsh Finnigan		1	1
Kirsty	Goodall	Atkinson Crehan		1	1
Soroosh	MacLean	Aspiring Law			1
Elise	Streat	Aspiring Law	1	1	1
Kayla	Spinks	Barden & Co Legal	1	1	1
Diane	Vidallon	Berry & Co	1	1	1
Alex	Wilson	Berry & Co	1	1	1
Alana	Harris	BMC Lawyers			1
Theo	Bisley	BMC Lawyers	1	1	1
Kate	Loveridge	Client Legal Solutions			1
Yunru (Chloe)	Huang	Connect Legal	1	1	1
Lucy	Roberts	Corcoran French			1
Kathy	White	Corcoran French			1
Laura	Richter	Cruickshank Pryde	1	1	1
Claire	Ongley	CS Law	1	1	1
James	Inder	Daniel Overton & Goulding		1	1
Michelle	Ramage	Daniel Overton & Goulding		1	1
Stephen	Szakats	DK Law		1	1
Megan	Gibbs	DK Law		1	1
Luke	Daniels	Dorrington Poole	1	1	1
Elliott	Henderson	Dorrington Poole	1	1	1
Kerry	Bowler	Edmonds Judd	1	1	1
Elsa	Douglas	Gifford Devine	1	1	1
Anna	Boult	Gifford Devine	1	1	1
Toby	Hunter	Gifford Devine	1	1	1
Jessica	Lett	Gillespie Young Watson	1	1	1
Gendi	McFadyen	Gillespie Young Watson	1	1	1
Regan	Gilmour	Gillespie Young Watson	1	1	1
Aria	Huang	Innes Dean Lawyers			
Grace	O'Malley	Innes Dean Lawyers		1	
Ann	Wan	Innes Dean Lawyers		1	
Bridget	McGowan	Kaimai Law	1	1	1
Emily	Blunt	Le Pine & Co.	1	1	1
Ranui	Tamati-Parata	Le Pine & Co.	1	1	1
Emma	Campbell	Mactodd Lawyers			0
Annabelle	Alloo	Mactodd Lawyers			
Quinn	McKay	McCaw Lewis Lawyers	1	1	1
Ezrom	Waka	McCaw Lewis Lawyers	1	1	1
Jasmine	Muhlmann-Brown	Norris Ward McKinnon	1	1	1
Jordana	Bliggenstorfer	Norris Ward McKinnon	1	1	1
Daniel	Morton-Jones	Parry Field Lawyers			1
Dinuki	Karunasekera	Parry Field Lawyers			1
Jess	Santich	Parry Field Lawyers			
Mark	Wilson	Parry Field Lawyers			1
Briar	Dobson	Price Baker Berridge	1	1	1
Conall	MacFayden	Price Baker Berridge		1	1
May	Naidoo	Price Baker Berridge	1	1	1
Annie	Benefield	Rainey Collins Lawyers		1	1
Alka	Ahirao	Rainey Collins Lawyers		1	1
Thomas	Walding	RSM Law Limited	1	1	1
Shannon	Edwards	Sainsbury Logan & Williams		1	1
Miriam	Johnson	Sainsbury Logan & Williams		1	1
Anna	Jacobs	Simpson Western	1	1	1
Claire	MacLennan	Simpson Western	1	1	1
Tessa	Timms	Simpson Western	1	1	1
Anushka	Sequeira	Simpson Western North	1	1	1
Maraea	Atmore	Thomson Wilson	1	1	1
Jayden	Ham	Thomson Wilson	1	1	1

Catherine	Mackenzie	Wain & Naysmith	1	1	1
Presenters / Faciliators					
Heather	Menzies		1	1	1
Jane	Fletcher		1	1	1
Emily	Morrow		1		
Lesley	Runciman		1	1	1
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