



C2G Conference 2026

Life, Legacy & Succession

Certainty at Every Step:
Advising Clients in an
Evolving World

**The Law
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Thursday 14th May
7 CPD Hours

Park Hyatt Auckland
99 Halsey Street, Auckland
Harbour Room, Level 1

In Person

Registration 8:15am – 8:45am
Conference 8:45am – 5:15pm
Networking 5:15pm – 6:45pm

Livestream

Conference 8:45am – 5:15pm



C2G returns Thursday, 14 May for 2026

Certainty at Every Step: Advising Clients in an Evolving World

At a time when societal change and demographic trends are reshaping private client practice, lawyers are being asked to provide greater clarity and foresight than ever before.

C2G 2026 Life, Legacy & Succession examines the critical issues impacting practitioners today and provides practical guidance on managing risk while delivering trusted advice – at every life stage.

Join leading experts to strengthen your approach to complex advisory work and ensure your clients receive clear, confident counsel in uncertain times.



C2G 2026

Tickets

Conference

In Person or
Livestream

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\$830+GST

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C2G26 After-Dark |
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Build *Your Own* Conference

Select your own in-person sessions and hear from leading professionals about the issues relevant to you. Listen as our expert speakers give you a topline overview of their topics, then choose the ones you want to attend.

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
8:15am	Registration and Coffee & Pastries	
8:45am	Opening by the Chair	Vicki Ammundsen
8:55am	Navigating Complexity in Modern Will Drafting Drafting wills increasingly requires a specialised skillset. Clients' circumstances and assets are becoming more complex, and wills need to be individualised to each particular client. This session will consider some of the main intricacies practitioners encounter in the present day, such as blended families, elderly clients and digital assets, as well as practical ways of ensuring wills are effective in these situations.	Bethan Read
9:40am	Relationship Property – Insights into Navigating the Minefield Given the diverse nature of relationships, matters of relationship property often involve various aspects and other areas of law. This session will provide an analysis of some key sections of the Property (Relationships) Act, explore the interplay with other legislation, and offer a practical application of the theory through the use of a scenario.	Carole Smith
10:30am	Pre-recorded Video (Livestream audience only) The Only Constant is Change and Law is No Exception: Meeting/Exceeding Client Expectations Speaker: Don Thomas QSM Change is a given, in law and in life. How can you manage, and also make the most of, changes in technology, systems and the way we practise? This micro session for our livestream audience will provide insights and tips to improve your everyday work.	In The Spotlight The Spotlight session speakers will each give a brief rundown of their topic. It is a chance for in-person attendees to evaluate and choose which sessions they would like to attend.
10:40am	Morning Tea break	
11:10am	Spotlight Session 1A: Trustee Transitions – Retirement, Removal and Appointments of Trustee Speakers: Mary Joy Simpson Rebecca Steens This practical session will cover best practice in documenting changes in trustee under the Trusts Act 2019 and matters to cover as you guide clients on relevant considerations as a trust transitions to new trustees. The presenters will discuss trust deed restrictions, trustee duties and requirements for an independent trustee, indemnities for outgoing and incoming trustees, issues relevant to the appointment of a corporate trustee and how to manage changes in trustee for a testamentary trust.	Spotlight Session 1B: AML/CFT – The Past, the Present and the Future Speakers: Claudia Shan Gavin Jolliffe This session will review the application of the AML/CFT regime as it currently applies to lawyers, particularly those practising in the trust and estate space. It will also cover recent legislative changes including compulsory client risk ratings and likely future developments that will affect how lawyers conduct CDD.
		Spotlight Session 1C: Spousal Issues in the Golden Years Speaker: Theresa Donnelly Legal matters involving spouses are rarely one-dimensional. Add to this the clients/parties being in their 'golden years', and advisors need to be across PPPR, RCS and RP – and possibly other acronyms! This topic will explore the interplay between these and other legal areas, using a realistic scenario to bring the session to life.
12:00pm	Spotlight Session 2A: PPPR: An Advisor's Guide to Recent Case Law Themes and Principles Speakers: Chris Holdaway Ben Snedden The presenters will examine cases regarding appointment of welfare guardians; personal orders and property orders – and provide insights into emerging themes and principles. Attendees will receive a checklist to assist in practice.	Spotlight Session 2B: Practical Ways of Dealing with Breaches of Trust and the Consequences of Getting it Wrong Speakers: Israel Vaealiki Nick Williams This session will discuss what constitutes a breach of trust, how trustees can deal practically with the risks they present, how claims for breach of trust are brought in court, and potential trustee defences.
		Spotlight Session 2C: Leadership Through Uncertainty and Change Speaker: Kenny Bhosale Kenny will share the mindsets, habits, and leadership moves that help leaders stay clear-headed, decisive, and confident when the ground is shifting. You'll learn how to lead with certainty even when you don't have all the answers, keep your people focused and engaged, and turn uncertainty and change into a winning edge.
1:00pm	Lunch & Networking Break	



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2:00pm	<p>Spotlight Session 1A: (Repeated) Trustee Transitions – Retirement, Removal and Appointments of Trustee Speakers: Mary Joy Simpson Rebecca Steens</p>	<p>Spotlight Session 1B: (Repeated) AML/CFT – The Past, the Present and the Future Speakers: Claudia Shan Gavin Jolliffe</p>	<p>Spotlight Session 1C: (Repeated) Spousal Issues in the Golden Years Speaker: Theresa Donnelly</p>
2:50pm	<p>Spotlight Session 2A: (Repeated) PPPR: An Advisor's Guide to Recent Case Law Themes and Principles Speakers: Chris Holdaway Ben Snedden</p>	<p>Spotlight Session 2B: (Repeated) Practical Ways of Dealing with Breaches of Trust and the Consequences of Getting it Wrong Speakers: Israel Vaealiki Nick Williams</p>	<p>Spotlight Session 2C: (Repeated) Leadership Through Uncertainty and Change Speaker: Kenny Bhosale</p>
3:40pm	<p>Property Pot Pourri: Untangling Ownership in Modern Conveyancing and Other Current Issues With BOMAD (the Bank of Mum and Dad), evolving relationships, and blended families on the rise, legal title often fails to reflect the parties' true intentions. This session explores the key enquiries and ownership structures practitioners should consider to properly safeguard clients when the ownership picture is anything but straightforward. The session will also examine a range of current property issues (including s 118 of the Trusts Act 2019) where discrepancies frequently arise, to equip practitioners with sharper insight into the challenges emerging in today's conveyancing landscape.</p>	Tina Hwang	
4:25pm	<p>AI Applied: Examining Tools, Issues and Risks for Everyday Practice Artificial Intelligence (AI) is growing and evolving. What's its place in your practice (if at all)? How do you feel about it? Why does it matter? In this session, our panel will examine tools, issues and risks.</p>	<p>Moderator: Don Thomas QSM</p> <p>Theresa Donnelly Mark Laurence Philip McHugh Kyra Vince</p>	
5:10pm	Closing by the Chair and the TLANZ President	Vicki Ammundsen Tony Herring	
5:15pm – 6:45pm	Join Us for Networking Refreshments		

Extend your C2G 2026 experience – join us for After-Dark | Dinner & Laughs



For the first time, The Law Association of New Zealand brings you a standout evening event in support of the iconic C2G Conference. Enjoy an evening with energetic comedian Raybon Khan, hosted by our own TLANZ President, Tony Herring. With exceptional food, and a relaxed, buzzing atmosphere – switch off, laugh hard, and connect. No speeches, no formality, just a great night out.

Special offer: Register to attend both the conference and dinner event and receive 20% off the dinner ticket. The dinner is open to all, whether you are attending the conference or not.

The Speakers

Chair of the Conference



Vicki Ammundsen

Director and Notary Public, Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law Limited

Vicki is the director of Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law. In addition to providing trustee services Vicki advises on all areas of trust and estate law and practice including contentious trusts and estates. Vicki is the author of a number of texts including *Taxation of Trusts*, *Trustee Liability*, *The Trustee's Handbook*, *The Residential Care Subsidies Handbook* and *A Practical Guide to Legal Issues for Older People*. As well as being a highly regarded conference and webinar presenter, Vicki also maintains the blog Matters of Trust.



Kenny Bhosale

Founder & CEO | Leadership Coach, The Bridge Leaders

Kenny is the Founder and CEO of The Bridge Leaders, a results-focused leadership company born in New Zealand. He works with businesses large and small to get the best from their people and teams, helping them grow, scale, transform, and thrive. After 18 years of service in the New Zealand Defence Force, Kenny and his team are on a clear mission: better leaders, stronger teams, proven results, all with the purpose of strengthening NZ Inc.



Theresa Donnelly

Head of Legal, Perpetual Guardian

Theresa graduated from Auckland University in 1992 and has a wealth of experience in Elder Law and Trust-related matters. Theresa was formerly from Public Trust (Senior Solicitor and Team Leader) and the Ministry of Social Development where she was lead Senior in the Public Law Team, working with Parliamentary Counsel, Older People's Policy and the Office of Senior Citizens. Theresa worked on the 2017 changes to the EPA forms. She is a regular presenter to professional groups such as TLANZ, NZLS, CCH, STEP, and Legalwise, and is known for her practical approach.



Chris Holdaway

Barrister

After starting working life in education, Chris was admitted to the bar in 1995 and immediately started working for the organisation which is now known as Oranga Tamariki. Working in both Youth Justice and Care and Protection involved engagement in situations where young persons with particular challenges transition from the Oranga Tamariki Act framework but require the ongoing scaffolding available under the PPPR Act. For the last 3 years Chris has been practising as a barrister sole currently working primarily in COCA, Family Violence and Oranga Tamariki Act proceedings.



Tina Hwang

Director, Queen City Law

Tina is a Director of Queen City Law and is the leader of its Property and Disputes Team. She is Convenor of TLANZ's Property Law Committee and sits on the Property Disputes Committee and Civil Litigation Committee. She specialises in property, construction, and litigation and is frequently in court while advocating sensible settlement options for clients wherever possible.

The Speakers



Gavin Jolliffe

Senior Solicitor, Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law Limited

Gavin qualified as a lawyer in New Zealand in 2006. He taught commercial law at AUT for ten years and then worked for The Law Association of New Zealand in its CPD team, where he organised CPD events on the AML/CFT regime and was privileged to work closely with specialists in that area of law. In 2019 he joined Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law as a senior solicitor focusing on trust and family law litigation. Gavin is a member of TLANZ's AML/CFT Committee.



Mark Laurence

Founder & CEO, Ten Past Tomorrow

Mark is the Founder and CEO of Ten Past Tomorrow, a New Zealand AI consultancy and education business that helps senior leadership teams move from AI curiosity to genuine AI capability. A trained futurist through the Institute for the Future (Silicon Valley), Mark also holds certifications in AI. He works with organisations across New Zealand, delivering practical AI strategy, literacy, and responsible adoption programmes for senior leadership teams and their operational staffing layers. Mark is known for his grounded, no-hype approach to AI, always focused on what actually changes how people work day-to-day.



Philip McHugh

Senior Solicitor, Braun Bond & Lomas

Philip has a broad interest in tackling all manner of disputes. Known for his practical approach, he takes the time to understand clients and their goals to deliver tailored and effective legal solutions. He has experience in trust law, corporate advisory and structuring, private wealth management, cryptocurrency regulation and commercial transactions. Philip is a qualified member of STEP and serves as a committee member of TLANZ's Law and Technology Committee. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Law, focusing on the ethical and legal implications of emerging technologies. Philip has a young family and is an avid reader and music listener, always eager to explore new ideas and perspectives.



Bethan Read

Special Counsel, Morris

Bethan leads Morris' private client team and is a trusted advisor to clients. Bethan has extensive experience in creating bespoke estate planning and asset protection solutions including trust structures, wills, enduring powers of attorney, relationship agreements and all other private client services. Bethan is qualified in both New Zealand and England and Wales. She began her career at top tier firms in the Channel Islands and London, where she gained high-level international experience in private client matters. More recently, she was director and head of the trust legal team of an international trust company based in New Zealand and joined Morris five years ago to lead their newly formed private client team. Bethan regularly presents at industry conferences in New Zealand on asset protection and estate planning topics.

The Speakers



Claudia Shan

Partner, Avancier Legal Limited

Claudia is regarded as a specialist in both private client/trust law and regulatory matters (including AML, CRS, privacy and data protection laws, economic substance, beneficial ownership etc). Claudia also serves as the Deputy Convenor of TLANZ's AML/CFT Committee, having previously served two terms as committee member of the Trust Law Committee. She navigates the intricate legal and non-legal challenges of personal and family business succession, wealth management including advising on appropriate structures, cross-border planning, regulatory and reporting implications of domestic and foreign structures. Claudia works closely with local and international family businesses, family offices and their advisors on matters that include local and cross-border legal and tax planning and transactions, as well as pre-migration planning and residency-by-investment matters. She also guides clients by providing professional trustee, director and other fiduciary services. Claudia is a contributing author to international publications such as the *Oxford Journal, Trusts & Trustees* and the *STEP Journal*.



Mary Joy Simpson

Partner, Hesketh Henry

A specialist in trust and estate planning law, Mary Joy regularly reviews and provides advice on trust arrangements and assists clients when current structures have flaws or require update. Mary Joy is often asked to speak at seminars for The Law Association of New Zealand, NZLS and Legalwise. Mary Joy is ranked in Band 1 for Chambers: High Net Worth.



Carole Smith

Barrister, FortyEight Shortland Barristers

Carole is a barrister at FortyEight Shortland Barristers in Auckland. She specialises in estate and trust matters, relationship property, property and equity, and is a TEP (a full member of STEP). Carole has a background in alternative dispute resolution and most of her cases settle. For more information and client testimonials, visit www.fortyeightshortland.co.nz



Ben Snedden

Barrister, Hobson Chambers

Ben has been practising family law since 2002. His expertise covers all practice areas including both children and property cases. Teaching and improving advocacy remain an important focus for Ben. He is on the faculty of the NZLS Litigation Skills programme.



Rebecca Steens

Partner, Holland Beckett

Rebecca advises on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Trust formation, administration and applications for variations, estate administration (including contentious estates), independent trusteeship/executorship and occupation right agreements. With a background in contentious trusts and estates, Rebecca brings a unique and practical perspective for her clients. Prior to joining Holland Beckett, Rebecca had 8 years of experience in estate, trust and general litigation, including four years at an offshore firm in Jersey, in the Channel Islands.

The Speakers



Don Thomas QSM
Lawyer & Notary Public

Don commenced practice in 1971. He became a principal in 1975, and was variously in sole practice and partnership, before selling his practice in 2022. Don is now a locum, legal consultant and Notary Public. His reputation is as a leader/early adopter and promoter of technology and systems in legal practices. He was originator of NZ Document Exchange (DX), facsimile settlements, and scheduled forms. He is the first e-capable Notary in New Zealand. Don's other interests are rugby referee (50 years), Scout Sailing Master (20 years) and blood donor (65 years). He was awarded the QSM (Services to the Legal Profession and Community) in 2022.



Israel Vaealiki
Partner, Jackson Russell

Israel is a partner at Jackson Russell. He specialises in trusts, family succession planning, wealth preservation, charitable trusts and philanthropy. He advises high-net-worth clients in New Zealand and internationally on cross-border succession and trust issues. Israel is a member of STEP and the International Bar Association. He is an accredited adviser and member of the Family Business Association.



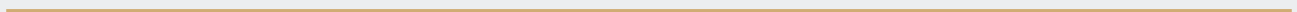
Kyra Vince
Special Counsel, Hudson Gavin Martin

Kyra specialises in advising on the complex regulatory issues that arise with emerging technologies, such as privacy, information security, professional standards, consumer protection and AML. She has particular expertise in advising on the evolving regulation of AI, data, payments, and biometric processing, and the tech and IP issues that arise in insolvency. Kyra regularly advises and trains in-house legal and business teams on practical compliance with emerging law and assists clients to submit on regulatory change.



Nick Williams
Barrister, Britomart Chambers

Nick is a barrister at Britomart Chambers. He acts in a wide variety of domestic trust disputes, including advising on the application of the Trusts Act 2019, the interpretation of trust documents, appointment and removal of trustees or beneficiaries, and actions for breaches of trust. He also advises on New Zealand foreign trust issues and has acted in a number of offshore trust disputes, which often involve multiple jurisdictions and proceeds of crime, asset freezing, or forfeiture issues. Nick is admitted as a barrister in the Cook Islands and is a member of TLANZ's Trust Law Committee.





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