



Property Disputes Conference 2025

**When Property Deals Go Wrong:
Insights, Risks & Resolutions**

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Conference Programme for Thursday 26 June 2025

In-person at The Law Association of New Zealand
premises and Livestream

Join us at the **Property Disputes** **Conference 2025**

Property transactions don't always go to plan – and when they don't, the legal and financial implications can be significant. TLANZ Property Disputes Conference 2025 **When Property Deals Go Wrong – Insights, Risks & Resolutions** explores the emerging issues, evolving risks, and dispute trends shaping the property landscape today.

Designed for legal practitioners, property professionals, and dispute resolution experts, the programme offers practical guidance on managing conflict, understanding key legal developments, and navigating the complexities of residential, commercial, and cross-ownership property disputes.

From legislative updates and case law trends to alternative dispute resolution strategies, you'll gain tools and perspectives to navigate an increasingly complex environment. Whether you're a seasoned litigator, in-house counsel, or property advisor, this is your opportunity to stay ahead of the curve.

Secure your spot today!

Networking Opportunities

Build valuable connections at the Property Disputes Conference 2025. Engage with peers and industry experts during dedicated networking sessions and post-event drinks.

Expand your professional network, exchange insights and connect with like-minded professionals in a relaxed and engaging setting.

**Don't miss this chance to
grow your connections!**



Property Disputes Conference *Tickets*

Thursday 26 June 2025
12:30 PM – 5:00 PM (4 CPD Hours)

Livestreamed and In Person
Limited in-person spaces available.

	Member	Non-member
Early Bird Pricing (30% Discount)	\$385 ^{+GST}	\$545 ^{+GST}
Full pricing for a Half-day Conference	\$550 ^{+GST}	\$775 ^{+GST}
Early bird pricing ends 2 June ^{EXTENDED} Tuesday 10 June 2025		



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Auckland In Person



Register for
the Livestream

Group bookings available by emailing
cpd@thelawassociation.nz

The Programme

Time	Mins	Session	Presenters
12:30 PM	5	Opening by Chair	Chair: Tina Hwang, Director and Property & Disputes Team Leader, Queen City Law
12:35 PM	40	Session 1: Potential GST Issues for Property Transactions GST may seem like a simple line in the contract, but this can lead to significant costs and damages if not handled correctly. Gain some tips from an accountant on common issues to avoid.	Roger Thompson, Director, Bentleys Chartered Accountants Tina Hwang
1:15 PM	35	Session 2: Navigating Property in Agriculture: Key Considerations for Farm Transactions This insightful session will focus on some critical property issues farmers face when buying, selling, or leasing farmland. It will cover some key considerations when drafting farming provisions in sale and purchase agreements, the impact of common clauses on vendors and purchasers, and potential pitfalls in farm leases. Learn practical strategies to minimise disputes and ensure smoother transactions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease • Sales & Purchase 	Fiona Jack, Senior Associate, Edmonds Judd
1.50 PM	35	Session 3: Property Disputes Committee Dispute Resolution Process This session will provide an introduction to TLANZ's Property Disputes Committee, its process, some previous decisions and how you can use this as a cost-effective method for expert determination.	Hermann Grobler, Associate, Pidgeon Judd
2.25 PM	30	Afternoon Tea Break	

The Programme (Cont'd)

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2.55 PM	40	Session 4: Acting for Developers in Subdivisions: Practical Tips With developments on the rise again, practitioners need to be careful when acting for developers and dealing with financiers, council, third parties and other lawyers, and be particularly mindful of any undertakings, even when things appear standard. This session will provide practical tips to avoid any issues for yourself and the client.	Richard Chen , Senior Associate, Hesketh Henry
3.35 PM	40	Session 5: Case Law Update What interesting and leading cases have unfolded in the realm of property recently? Come and listen to a summary of relevant cases to become familiar with.	Todd Whitcombe , Director, Whitcombe Law
4.15 PM	40	Session 6: Common Issues and Best Practice Listen to leading experts discuss common issues to avoid, and best practice in property. This will also be a great chance to ask any questions you may have!	Moderator: Tina Hwang Hermann Grobler Todd Whitcombe Fiona Jack
4.55 PM	5	Closing Remarks	Chair: Tina Hwang Tony Herring , TLANZ President
5:00 PM	60	Networking Refreshments & Canapés Take the opportunity to further build connections with other professionals in the legal field.	

Our *Presenters*



Chair: Tina Hwang

Director and Property & Disputes Team Leader, Queen City Law

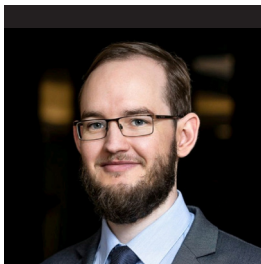
Tina is a Director of Queen City Law and is the leader of its Property and Disputes Team. She is Convenor of TLANZ's Property Law Committee and sits on the Property Disputes Committee and Civil Litigation Committee. She specialises in property, construction, and litigation and is frequently in court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



Richard Chen

Senior Associate, Hesketh Henry

Richard advises clients on the acquisition and disposal of significant commercial property portfolios, land development, property financing, due diligence, and leasing. He has a particular focus on subdivisions, complex title issues, and cross-lease matters. Additionally, Richard has extensive experience in residential property transactions, offering practical guidance to a wide range of clients from first home buyers to experienced property investors and high net-worth individuals. This includes agreements for properties "off the plans" and occupation right agreements. Richard is actively involved in the New Zealand legal community, serving TLANZ's Property Law Committee and as a member of NZLS's Property Law Section.



Hermann Grobler

Associate, Pidgeon Judd

Hermann specialises in property and commercial law. He has acted for vendors and purchasers in a variety of commercial property transactions and residential transactions. He has considerable development/subdivision experience and undertakes all aspects of these. Hermann has considerable expertise in the lending and finance field, with particular focus in acting for non-bank lenders and complex refinance deals. He is frequently instructed in relation to property disputes with the aim of achieving a pragmatic and commercial outcome. Hermann has been a member of TLANZ's Property Disputes Committee since 1 October 2022 and has assisted with the review of the Rulings Manual

Our *Presenters*



Fiona Jack

Senior Associate, Edmonds Judd

Fiona brings extensive experience in general practice law, combined with a deep, hands-on understanding of farming. After a decade away from law to expand her family's dairy business, she returned to full-time practice. Her first-hand knowledge of how legal provisions impact day-to-day farming operations has helped shape her approach to drafting clearer, more practical agreements that reduce disputes. Fiona completed her Masters of Law in 2024 while balancing full-time work and farm management. Passionate about supporting the rural community, she prefers working behind the scenes but values opportunities like this conference to collaborate and enhance legal outcomes for farmers.



Roger Thompson

Director, Bentleys Chartered Accountants

Roger is a founding partner of Bentleys Chartered Accountants Ltd and has specialised in tax for over 40 years as a Chartered Accountant and also previously as a Lawyer. He is an author of the CCH Book A *Practical Guide to Taxing Property Transactions* and has presented many seminars on taxation issues relating to property. Roger regularly provides services relating to property tax issues including advice, dispute resolution and acting as an expert witness on negligence claims and other accounting or tax-based matters.



Todd Whitcombe

Director, Whitcombe Law

Todd is the sole director of Whitcombe Law, and is a property law expert. He is a member of TLANZ's Property Law and Property Disputes Committees, a NZLS Accredited Property Law Specialist and a former member of the NZLS Property Law Section's Executive Committee. From time to time, Todd provides expert evidence in courts on various property-related matters, and also receives appointments to make determinations under the compensation provisions of the ASPRE.



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