

THE ANNUAL Property Law CONFERENCE 2025

Thursday, 20th February 2025

4 CPD HOURS

Tickets

Early Bird (30% discount)

Member \$385 + GST

Non-member \$545 + GST

*Early bird pricing is open until
Monday 3rd February 2025*

Full Price

Member \$550 + GST

Non-member \$775 + GST

In Person

11:45am – 12:30pm Lunch

12:30pm – 5:00pm Conference

5:00pm – 6:00pm Networking

Hosted at The Law Association
of New Zealand

Level 18, Vero Centre,
48 Shortland Street, Auckland

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Online

12:30pm – 5:00pm

Livestream link will be provided
via email.

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The *Programme*

Time	Mins	Session	Presenters
11:45am	45	Lunch and refreshments	
12:30pm	5	Opening address	Chairperson, Joanna Pidgeon
12:35pm	40	<p>In Docs We Trust: Getting the Lowdown on LIMs and Property Files <i>Obtaining a LIM is almost de rigueur in residential property purchases. But what is their purpose, how are they compiled, and what are their limits? Property files are a different beast – how do they compare and when might they be the go-to? What should lawyers be looking out for? With perspectives from a property lawyer, a planner and a LIM technician, this session will provide practical insights. Including Q&A</i></p>	Jan Chen Rebecca Greaves Jade Rutledge
1:15pm	40	<p>Transfer of Trust Assets Following a Trustee’s Removal, Retirement, or Death <i>In this practical session, Natasha Dennison and Shannon Wilson will consider the interplay of trust deeds, wills and the Trusts Act in the context of updating the title to trust property where a trustee has been removed, has retired, or has died. Particular attention will be given to removal under the Trusts Act compared to removal under the terms of a trust and how to manage notice for the purposes of s 107 of the Trusts Act. The accompanying materials will include a precedent deed that addresses common scenarios where the removed or retired trustee cannot or will not assist with transfer of trust property. Including Q&A</i></p>	Natasha Dennison Shannon Wilson
1:55pm	25	<p>Overseas Investment Act – Refresher and Practical Issues <i>The Overseas Investment Act may apply to any interest acquired in residential land. This session provides a refresher on the rules for residential land at signing of agreements, at the unconditional stage and at settlement. It will also cover how the rules apply to conversions of interests and change of status, illustrated by case examples. Including Q&A</i></p>	Polina Boyarchenko Emma Kelly

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2:20pm	30	Networking Break	
2:50pm	40	<p>Issues with Deeds of Assignment in Leaky Building Sales <i>Acting for a vendor selling a “leaky unit” is complex. In addition to checking disclosures, warranties, representations, and clarifying obligations on levy payments, there is the essential issue of assigning a right to claim, or assigning a right to the proceeds of litigation. There is frequent misunderstanding between owners, agents, and lawyers on this. This session will clarify what can be assigned and how it can be done. Including Q&A</i></p>	Tina Hwang
3:30pm	40	<p>Farm Debt Mediation Fundamentals <i>The Farm Debt Mediation Act 2019 (FDM Act) was enacted to help farmers and other primary producers struggling with debt through the use of neutral and independent mediators to help farmers and their creditors resolve debt issues. This session will cover the scope of the FDM Act, when it applies, and how the mediation process works. Including Q&A</i></p>	Mark Copeland Sarah Jaggs
4:10pm	40	<p>Property Case Law Update <i>This session will canvass recent property law cases, touching on issues including sale of land, cross-leases, easements, and the consequences of a turning market. Throughout the presentation, there will be a focus on practical takeaways for property law practitioners. Including Q&A</i></p>	Thomas Gibbons
4:50pm	10	Closing address	Chairperson, Joanna Pidgeon TLANZ President, Tony Herring
5:00pm	60	Networking and refreshments	

Our *Presenters*

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Joanna Pidgeon, *Director, Pidgeon Judd*

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Planning & Resource Consents
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Tina Hwang

Director, Queen City Law

Sarah Jaggs

*Senior Adviser, Ministry for Primary
Industries (MPI)*

Emma Kelly

*Principal – Assessment, Overseas
Investment Regulatory Practice and
Delivery Group, LINZ*

Jade Rutledge

*Property Product (PFP & LIM) Team
Leader, Rates, Valuations & Data
Management | Group Treasury,
Auckland Council*

Shannon Wilson

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Joanna Pidgeon

Director, Pidgeon Judd

Joanna is a property law expert, Past President of ADLS, Convenor of TLANZ's Documents & Precedents Committee and a member of its Property Law Committee. She is also a member of NZLS' Land Titles Committee. Joanna often makes determinations under the ASPRE when there are disputes, is a past Chair of the Property Disputes Committee and gives expert evidence in Courts and Tribunals on a wide range of property matters.

Meet Our *Presenters*

Polina Boyarchenko

Senior Legal Executive & MICS, Queen City Law

Polina is a Senior Legal Executive at Property and Disputes Team at Queen City Law and a Member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers. Polina began her career in 2010 as a receptionist at a general law firm and has since advanced through various roles, including PA in litigation, trust accountant, and legal assistant in commercial and property teams completing her Legal Executive Studies in 2018. Polina specialises in residential conveyancing. She excels in reviewing titles, LIM reports, and auction documents, thanks to her meticulous attention to detail.

Jan Chen

Senior Associate, Bell Gully

Jan is a senior associate in Bell Gully's market leading projects and real estate team. She is highly experienced in advising on LIM reports and offers guidance on property acquisition, development, and leasing. Jan has built strong relationships with clients across various industries, including land development and property financing.

Mark Copeland

Director Mark Copeland Lawyers, Commercial Lawyer & Mediator

Mark is a recognised senior commercial lawyer and founder of Mark Copeland Lawyers, specialising in commercial law, disputes resolution and sports law. He provides strategic advice to a diverse range of clients, including private individuals, New Zealand government entities and major international corporations, on matters such as agribusiness, energy, property, trusts, Iwi commercial development, resources management, sports law, carbon farming as well as commercial mediation and arbitration. A Chartered Member of the NZ Institute of Directors and an AMINZ-accredited Mediator and Arbitrator, Mark also holds various governance roles, including as Chairman of the Legal and Ethics Committee of the International Paralympic Committee.

Natasha Dennison

Senior Solicitor, Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law Limited

Natasha is a senior solicitor at Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law whose primary areas of practice are trusts, estates and relationship property. She is involved in a wide range of matters across these areas including planning, administration and litigation. Natasha is a full member of STEP (TEP) having completed the STEP (Society of Estate and Trust Practitioners) Advanced Diploma in Trusts and Estates with distinction.

Thomas Gibbons

Principal, Thomas Gibbons Law

Thomas is a property and land development lawyer, whose work traverses unit titles, technical easement and covenant advice, subdivisions and land development projects, expert opinions, and local government issues. He is currently lead drafter of the REINZ/ADLS Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate, and has appeared as an expert witness in the High Court on property matters. Thomas is a Fellow of the Australian College of Strata Lawyers, author of *Unit Titles Law and Practice (2nd ed, 2015)*, and co-author of *Subdivisions Law and Practice (2024)*.

Rebecca Greaves

Lead Planner, Auckland-wide, Planning & Resource Consents Department, Auckland Council

Rebecca is a lead planner at Auckland Council. She collaborates across the council group in formulating submissions on Resource Management Act secondary legislation, Bills and other regulations including the DIA's 'proposal for regulations for natural hazard information in LIMs'. Rebecca has over 20 years' experience in regulatory and policy planning roles in the local government sector and works on a variety of planning projects.

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.

Sarah Jaggs

Senior Adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)

Sarah has worked in the public service for over 20 years, starting as a Customs officer before changing direction and becoming a policy analyst. Since 2013 Sarah has worked on a wide range of topics with a focus on legislative policy and is an expert in regulatory impact analysis (RIA) and parliamentary processes. Sarah is the chair of the MPI RIA panel and holds a BA in Security Studies, Politics, and International Relations.

Emma Kelly

Principal – Assessment, Overseas Investment Regulatory Practice and Delivery Group, LINZ

Emma is a Principal Advisor in Overseas Investment at Land Information New Zealand. She is a former lawyer, with a background in general practice and relationship property law. Emma manages exemptions under the Overseas Investment Act, variations of consent, and monitoring of consent conditions. Her role also contributes to the best practice of the overall Overseas Investment regime and policy.

Jade Rutledge

Property Product (PFP & LIM) Team Leader, Rates, Valuations & Data Management | Group Treasury, Auckland Council

Jade is the Team Leader of the Property Product Team at Auckland Council. With assistance from other departments across council, the Property Product Team is responsible for creating and issuing both Property File Products (PFPs) and Land Information Memoranda (LIMs) to customers to meet council's obligation under the LGOIMA Act. Jade has 8 years' experience across the council's property teams and plays a key part in making sure products are fit for purpose plus providing advice to other council departments on the information they hold.

Shannon Wilson

Solicitor, Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law Limited

Shannon is a solicitor at Vicki Ammundsen Trust Law. Shannon handles all aspects of the firm's conveyancing and is highly experienced in residential transactions, particularly those involving trust ownership. Shannon has been working in the law for 26 years, starting as an accounts junior and subsequently obtaining her NZLS Legal Executive Diploma followed by an LLB with Honours. Shannon is a member of the Property Law Section.



See you *there!*

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