



# Property Disputes Conference 2026

Common Challenges, Practical Solutions

Conference Programme for Thursday 18 June 2026



**The Law  
Association**  
OF NEW ZEALAND

**Time:**

In Person: *Conference* 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM

*Networking* 5:00PM – 6:00 PM

Livestream: *Conference* 12.30 PM–5.00 PM

**CPD Hours: 4**

**Venue:** TLANZ, Level 18, 48 Shortland  
Street, Vero Centre, Auckland  
(Shortland and Chancery Rooms)

# Join us at the Property Disputes Conference 2026

Property transactions don't always go smoothly — and when disputes arise, the legal, financial, and practical consequences can be significant.

**Property Disputes Conference 2026: Common Challenges, Practical Solutions** brings together leading insights on the most pressing issues on today's property landscape, exploring key risks, recurring disputes, and practical ways to resolve them effectively.

Designed for legal practitioners, property professionals, and dispute resolution experts, the programme delivers real-world guidance on managing conflict, interpreting recent legal developments, and responding to the complexities of residential, commercial, and cross-ownership disputes.

From emerging case law and practice changes to proven alternative dispute resolution strategies, you'll gain practical tools and up-to-date perspectives to help you navigate an increasingly challenging environment. Whether you're a seasoned litigator, in-house counsel, or property advisor, this is your opportunity to stay ahead of evolving risks and best practice.

Secure your spot today!

## Networking Opportunities

Build valuable connections at the Property Disputes Conference 2026. 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 18 June 2026

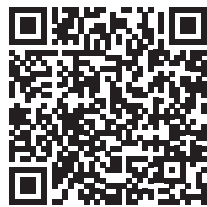
12:30 PM – 5:00 PM (4 CPD Hours)

TLANZ, Level 18, Vero Centre, 48 Shortland Street, Auckland

Livestreamed and In Person  
Limited in-person spaces available.

|   | Member                | Non-member            |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Early Bird Pricing<br>(until 27 May 2026) | \$515 <sup>+GST</sup> | \$645 <sup>+GST</sup> |
| Full Pricing<br>(from 28 May 2026)        | \$570 <sup>+GST</sup> | \$715 <sup>+GST</sup> |

Early Bird pricing ends 27 May 2026



Register for  
Auckland In Person



Register for the  
Livestream

Group bookings available by emailing  
[cpd@thelawassociation.nz](mailto:cpd@thelawassociation.nz)

# The Programme

| Time            | Mins      | Session  | Presenters   |
|-----------------|-----------|--|--|
| <b>11:30 AM</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>Registration, Lunch and Networking</b>  |  |
| 12:30 PM        | 5         | <b>Opening by the Chair</b>  | <b>Tina Hwang</b><br>Director,<br>Queen City Law                           |
| 12:40 PM        | 45        | <b>Caveats – Procedural Matters and How to Get Them Right</b><br><br>Caveats can be an important conveyancing tool for protecting your client's property rights where unregistered interests are disputed or could be defeated by subsequent dealings. As swift and timely action is often required, it's important to understand the procedural aspects and ensure caveats are carefully drafted. This session outlines land registry requirements, including the statutory procedures and timeframes for lapsing applications, and discusses how you can avoid some common pitfalls that may lead to rejections. | <b>Robbie Muir</b><br>Registrar-General of Land,<br>LINZ   Toitū Te Whenua |
| 1:25 PM         | 45        | <b>Lease Disputes – PLA Notices through to Relief Applications</b><br><br>When the relationship goes bad, bringing a lease to an end – or saving it – is fraught with difficulty. Walk through the pitfalls, from PLA notices to applications for relief, including what the court considers, what works and what doesn't – and who pays the costs.  | <b>Sean McAnally</b><br>Barrister,<br>FortyEight Shortland Barristers      |
| 2:10 PM         | 45        | <b>Investment Properties: Funding, Control &amp; Shareholder Misalignment</b><br><br>This session focuses on the practical issues that can give rise to shareholder disputes in property investments, particularly where funding, governance and decision-making intersect. It will cover how to assess whether a proposed acquisition and lending structure align with key governance and funding contracts, and highlight the red flags to identify before going unconditional. Attendees can leave with a clear, practical checklist to help manage risk and avoid disputes in practice.                        | <b>Janey Haringa</b><br>Principal,<br>JH Law                               |
| <b>2:55PM</b>   | <b>30</b> | <b>Networking / Afternoon Tea Break</b>  |  |

# The Programme (Cont'd)

| Time    | Mins | Session   | Presenters   |
|---------|------|---|--|
| 3:25 PM | 45   | <p><b>Clause 10 in Practice: When to Use It, When to Avoid It, and What It Really Costs</b></p> <p>Clause 10 compensation claims are often seen as a streamlined alternative to formal dispute processes, but do they deliver in practice? This session takes a practical, evidence-based look at how clause 10 operates on the ground, including costs, delays, and common pressure points that can derail outcomes.</p> <p>Drawing on real-world experience, this presentation will examine when clause 10 is fit for purpose, when the Disputes Tribunal may be the better forum, and how to guide clients through both processes with clear expectations around cost, strategy, and likely outcomes. Attendees will leave with practical insights into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The true cost of clause 10 claims (beyond the theory)</li> <li>• Common tactics that increase time and expense</li> <li>• When to redirect matters to the Disputes Tribunal</li> <li>• Practical tips for preparing clients for a Disputes Tribunal hearing</li> </ul> | <p><b>Fiona Jack</b><br/>Senior Associate,<br/>Edmonds Judd</p>  |
| 4:10 PM | 10   | <p><b>Property Disputes Committee – Cost-Effective ADR</b></p> <p>The Property Disputes Committee comprises 14 lawyers who specialise in property law and volunteer their time to assist practitioners with resolving disputes across a wide range of property issues. Hearings are held on an as-required basis “on the papers” and provide binding rulings based on agreed statements of fact and written submissions. With the new amended clause 10 compensation claim provisions and appointee definition in the latest ASPRE, this session is a timely reminder on how the Committee can assist with resolving contractual disputes.</p>  | <p><b>Todd Whitcombe</b><br/>Director,<br/>Whitcombe Law</p>   |
| 4:20 PM | 30   | <p><b>Panel Discussion: Topical Issues and Recent Cases</b></p> <p>What’s causing practitioners concern in property matters? What key property cases are having an impact? This panel discussion will provide timely updates.</p> <p>Registrants are welcome to submit their topics/issues/cases for consideration for potential inclusion in this session, by emailing details to <a href="mailto:cpd@thelawassociation.nz">cpd@thelawassociation.nz</a> by Thursday 4 June.</p>   | <p><b>Panellists:</b><br/><b>Sean McAnally</b><br/>Barrister,<br/>FortyEight Shortland Barristers</p> <p><b>Janey Haringa</b><br/>Principal,<br/>JH Law</p> <p><b>Fiona Jack</b><br/>Senior Associate,<br/>Edmonds Judd</p> <p><b>Todd Whitcombe</b><br/>Director, Whitcombe Law</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/><b>Tina Hwang</b><br/>Director,<br/>Queen City Law</p> |
| 4:50 PM | 10   | <p><b>Closing by Chair &amp; TLANZ President</b></p>  | <p><b>Tina Hwang</b><br/>Director,<br/>Queen City Law</p> <p><b>Tony Herring</b><br/>TLANZ President and Partner,<br/>Gibson Sheat Lawyers</p>   |
| 5:00 PM | 60   | <b>Networking, Refreshments and Canapés</b>   |  |

# Our *Presenters*



## **Chair of the Conference**

**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.

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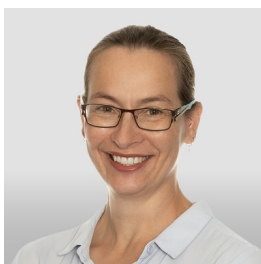


## **Janey Haringa**

**Principal, JH Law**

Janey is the founder and principal of JH LAW, a Waikato-based firm established to support NZ businesses with practical, commercially focused legal advice. With a background spanning biomedical science, capital raising and law, Janey brings a strong commercial lens to structuring property investments and shareholder arrangements. She advises on aligning funding, governance and stakeholder expectations, and has held governance roles with the New Zealand Shareholders' Association and the Waikato Chamber of Commerce.

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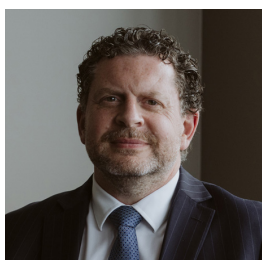


## **Fiona Jack**

**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 Master's in 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.

# Our *Presenters (Cont'd)*



**Sean McNally**

**Barrister, FortyEight Shortland Barristers**

Sean has been involved with litigation in New Zealand and the Cook Islands for some 25 years. While he now predominantly acts on civil and commercial cases, his background includes criminal, family and regulatory matters. He has appeared in all levels of the court system including the Privy Council and also appears in specialist tribunals such as the Health Practitioners' Disciplinary Tribunal and the Real Estate Agents' Disciplinary Tribunal. Before joining the independent bar in 2022, he spent 20 years at Keegan Alexander, 13 of those as a partner.

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**Robbie Muir**

**Registrar-General of Land, LINZ | Toitū Te Whenua**

Robbie has worked in property law and land registration for much of his career. He leads a regulatory office within Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand and has held the position of Registrar-General of Land since 2000. Robbie was centrally involved in the development of Landonline and the modernisation of the Land Transfer Act to support the digitisation of the title registration system. Over the years he has presented at numerous seminars and conferences on conveyancing matters.

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**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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at every step.

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