

Burning Issues in Employment Law Forum 2026



Date Thursday, 15 October 2026
Time 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
With networking and refreshments to follow (in-person attendees)
CPD Hours 2
Who Should Attend? All employment lawyers, HR professionals, in-house lawyers, ERA members and Employment Court judges
Attendance Options: Livestream and in person at *The Law Association of New Zealand* Level 18, Vero Centre, 48 Shortland Street, Auckland CBD
Member: \$175 plus GST
Non-Member: \$250 plus GST

The Burning Issues in Employment Law Forum returns, with scalding-hot content to light your fire!

Against a landscape alight with legislative change, this year’s edition will fan the flames of a toasty trio of smouldering subjects:

- 2026: Where Employment Law is Heading
- Retrospectivity: Unravelling the New Law
- Keeping Current on Contribution

Let our experienced lineup of presenters ignite your interest, enflame your edification, and kindle your questions.

For those attending in person, refreshments will be served after the Forum.

Learning outcomes

- Gain insights into the immediate future of employment law in Aotearoa.
- Become better apprised of how the new retrospectivity law will be applied in circumstances where there are no transitional provisions.
- Benefit from perspectives on what employee contribution means in the ‘new age’, including its impact for reinstatement and remedies.

Please note, because of the nature of this event, papers will not necessarily be provided. Copies of PowerPoint slides will be provided electronically.

The Programme

Presenters: Chief Employment Court Judge, her Honour Judge Inglis [pre-recorded] | Her Honour Judge King | Philip Skelton KC, Bankside Chambers | Simon Mitchell KC, Albert Park Chambers | Gillian Service, Partner, MinterEllisonRuddWatts | Kylie Dunn, Partner, Smith Dunn

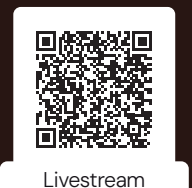
Chair: Catherine Stewart, Barrister

For more details and to register, visit our webpages here:



Sold Out!

In person



Livestream



Dinner & Forum Package

Time	Session	Presenter(s)
4:00–4:05 PM	Welcome, introductory matters and opening remarks	Chair: Catherine Stewart
4:05–4:20 PM	2026: Where Employment Law is Heading	Chief Employment Court Judge, her Honour Judge Inglis pre-recorded presentation and her Honour Judge King
Q&A (5 mins)		
4:25–4:50 PM	Retrospectivity: Unravelling the New Law	Gillian Service
Q&A (5 mins)		
4:55–5:50 PM	Keeping Current on Contribution	Philip Skelton KC, Simon Mitchell KC and Kylie Dunn
Q&A (5 mins)		
5:55–6:00 PM	Closing remarks	Chair: Catherine Stewart and TLANZ President: Tony Herring