



FAMILY LAW  
SECTION  
NEW ZEALAND LAW SOCIETY

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**FAMILY LAW INTENSIVE**  
**Friday, 28 April**  
**6 CPD hours**

Members of the judiciary and legal profession presenting on:

Appellate advocacy

**His Honour Justice Paul Heath**

Evidence dos and don'ts, advocacy and the e-Duty platform: Balancing the urgent  
with the important

**His Honour Judge Noel Cocurullo**

Relationship property and orders for the benefit of children

**Her Honour Judge Christina Cook**

Post separation care arrangements for young children

**Professor Fred Seymour**

Sexual abuse allegations in the Family Court: dilemmas in practice

**Lucy Postlewaight**

Settlor control in a relationship property context: having their cake and eating it too?

**Amanda Morgan**

**Chair: Amanda Kennedy**

***ASB Lounge, 193 Western Hills Drive, Whangarei***

***8.15am to 8.45am registration (tea, coffee, juice available)***

***8.45am to 9.00am Mihi Whakatau/Introduction and opening remarks***

***9.00am to 5.00pm – Intensive***

***Working lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided***

***Early bird Before 10 March: FLS members \$300 Non-members \$390***

***After 10 March FLS members \$390 Non-members \$ 490***

***RSVP on payment to [tania@flcw.co.nz](mailto:tania@flcw.co.nz)***

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<b>Whangarei - 8.15am to 5.00pm</b>	<b>Title:</b> Family Law Intensive
<b>Specific Learning Objectives</b>	<p>To achieve best results for clients by learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appellate advocacy</li> <li>• Evidence do's and don'ts</li> <li>• Advocacy viewed from the bench</li> <li>• The E-Duty platform and what captures a judge's attention</li> <li>• Relationship property and orders for the benefit of children</li> <li>• Post separation care arrangements for children: principles and practice</li> <li>• Sexual abuse allegations in the Family Court: Dilemmas in practice</li> <li>• Settlor control in a relationship property context</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose of event</b>	<p>To review and discuss the key seminar subject matter and discuss resources and information available to assist practitioners in them and to discuss local issues regarding the seminar subject matter where relevant so as to promote best practice.</p>
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	<p>Attendees will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gained knowledge of the key seminar subject matter</li> <li>• Learned the details of the key subject matter to assist practitioners to comply with their statutory duties</li> <li>• Identified and discussed local issues</li> <li>• Had the opportunity to give feedback and discuss potential solutions to issues raised</li> </ul>
<b>Structure of event</b>	<p>8.15 to 8.45am - Registration</p> <p>8.45am to 9am - Mihi Whakatau/Introduction and opening remarks – (Amanda Kennedy)</p> <p>9.00am to 10.00am - Evidence do's and don'ts, Good advocacy viewed from the bench, the E-Duty platform and what captures a judge's attention – His Honour Judge Cocurullo</p> <p>10.00am to 11.00am - Appellate Advocacy – His Honour Justice Paul Heath</p> <p>11.00am to 11.20am – Morning Tea</p> <p>11.20am to 12.20pm Professor Fred Seymour</p>

	12.20pm to 1.20pm Lucy Postlewaight 1.20pm to 2.35pm – Lunch 2.35pm to 3.35pm - Her Honour Judge Cook 3.35pm to 3.55pm Afternoon tea 3.55pm to 4.55pm - Amanda Morgan 4.55pm to 5.00pm – Closing remarks
<b>Total CPD time</b>	6 hours
<b>Venue</b>	ASB Lounge, 193 Western Hills Drive, Whangarei

### For your individual CPD Plan

(record on completion of seminar)

<b>Reflection of learning</b>	
<b>Further learning needs</b>	

### CPD verification of attendance

(to be completed by a fellow attendee on the day of the seminar)



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**Family Law Intensive Seminar**

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Time: 8.15am to 5.00pm

CPD hours: 6 hours

### **Judge Noel Cocurullo, LLB (Otago)**



Judge Noel Cocurullo originally hails from Dargaville. He was admitted in 1988 and worked for 5 years with Webb Ross Johnson in Whangarei. In 1994 he commenced sole practice as a barrister and solicitor in Northland based in Whangarei - general practice but focusing mainly on criminal and Family Court litigation. In 2007 His Honour was appointed to the District Court Bench (Hamilton) with a Family Court warrant and Youth Court Designation. In 2010 Judge Cocurullo led the four-person group who created and designed the National eDuty platform - an online process for providing a national judicial resource to deal with Family Court without notice applications. In 2013 His Honour assisted with the instigation of and continue to presides at Waikato Rangatahi Courts (Kirikiriroa and Rahui Pokeka). In 2014 Judge Cocurullo was jury trial warranted and so presides over District Court hearings also.

### **Judge Christina Cook LLB (Otago)**



Judge Christina Cook attended High School in Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea and Rangitoto College in Auckland, before attending Otago University to read law. Her Honor practiced law in Whangarei for 23 years before being sworn in as a District Court Judge, holding Family and Youth Court Warrants in October 2013.

During her time in practice her areas of specialty were in the Family Court, encompassing all aspects of Family Court litigation including lawyer for child work, relationship property work and ACC litigation. Her Honor will be sitting in the Family Court Tauranga from January 2017. Outside of work she enjoys being with family and road and mountain bike riding.

### **Justice Paul Heath LLB (Auckland)**



The Honourable Justice Paul Heath was appointed as a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand in April 2002. Since 2003 he has been a High Court Judge assigned to sit as a member of divisional panels of the Court of Appeal. Justice Heath also served as a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Vanuatu in 2011. Justice Heath was appointed Queens Counsel in 1998. Between 1997 and 2002 Justice Heath was (initially) a consultant and later a Commissioner to the Law Commission. During this time, he was party to reports on adoption, battered defendants and arbitration reform. His Honour is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and a fellow of Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand Inc.

### **Amanda Kennedy LLB (Otago)**



Amanda Kennedy practiced in Auckland for some 10 years prior to establishing a sole practice in Kaeo and latterly Kerikeri. Amanda's practice can be described as "general country" and she has a special interest in mediation and lawyer for child work.

### **Amanda Morgan LLM (Distinction) AUT**



Amanda Morgan graduated from the University of Auckland in 2008 and joined Henderson Reeves in February 2009 where she worked in the litigation team specialising in family law with a particular focus on relationship property. In 2012 Amanda moved to the property team at Henderson Reeves where she has developed a keen interest in trust law. In 2014 Amanda commenced her LLM through AUT whilst continuing to work full time. Part of her LLM focused on the relationship between trust law and relationship property law and the micro-relationships within this underlying relationship. Amanda completed her LLM (with distinction) in 2016.

### **Professor Fred Seymour PHD**



Professor Fred Seymour was appointed to the University of Auckland in 1988. Previously he had worked as a practitioner and manager of child and family mental health services. He has served as Deputy Head and Head of Department. He has also served as Director of the Clinical Psychology Programme at various times since his appointment, most recently 2011 to 2016. He resigned his full-time position at the university in 2016, and currently holds a part-time position.

Professor Seymour is a former President of the NZ Psychological Society and has been a Member and Deputy Chair of the NZ Psychologists Board. In 2015 he was appointed to the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal. Research interests include the development and evaluation of effective therapy interventions for children and their families, and psychology and the law and professional ethics. Particular research interests have concerned child abuse (especially child sexual abuse), impact of parents' separation on children, chronic illness, adolescent suicidal behaviour and behavioural problems in children.

### **Lucy Postlewaight LLB (VUW)**

Lucy Postlewaight is originally from Wellington. She graduated in 1980 and has practised in Whangarei since 1984. She became a partner at Connell Lamb Gerard in 1987 and has been in sole practice 1995. Lucy's areas of practice have included civil litigation and family law. Since 1995 Lucy's focus has been criminal law, youth advocacy, family law including lawyer for child and relationship property. She has a particular interest in working with children and youth. Lucy's iwi affiliations are Te Arawa - Ngati Pikia, Ngati Tura and Ngati Raukawa.