



**FAMILY LAW  
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### **New chair, deputy and treasurer for FLS**

Every year, the FLS executive appoint a chair, deputy and treasurer to those offices for a term of one year. At its meeting on 11 August, the executive elected the following members:

Kirsty Swadling (Auckland) – Chair

Rachael Dewar (Wellington) – Deputy Chair

The executive is pleased that immediate past chair, Michelle Duggan will stay on the executive as a member and thanked her at the meeting for her valued contribution in the role over the past 15 months. Click [here](#) to view a full list of executive members.

### **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the FLS – save the date**

A series of celebration dinners are planned to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Family Law Section. As the initial event, a special dinner will be held at Te Papa in Wellington on Friday 8 December 2017. We are working towards finalising the arrangements for that dinner in the next few weeks. Once finalised we will be sending out an invitation to all FLS members. Please put the date in your diaries to remind you of this special and important occasion. Dinners will also be held in Auckland (February 2018) and Christchurch (March 2018) and we will let you know the dates of these dinners once venues have been confirmed.

## **Legal aid**

We are aware that many members are experiencing delays in receiving payment for invoices and information on granting decisions and amendments to grant. We have passed on your concerns to Legal Aid Services and will be following up on any action being taken to improve the situation. We will keep you updated on any progress.

## **Advertising opportunity**

We would like to remind members that they are able to advertise via email bulletin to FLS members for \$350 plus GST. You may want to advertise for an employment opportunity, a locum or for other reasons. This will be a stand-alone email bulletin including just your message and will be sent to the whole membership. Please email [family@lawsociety.org.nz](mailto:family@lawsociety.org.nz) if you wish to place an advert or have any further questions.

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