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**FLS 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinners and Law Commission review of Property (Relationship) Act 1986**

**Reminder: Family Law Section 20th Anniversary Dinner - Wellington**

As previously announced, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Family Law Section. To honour this milestone, we are hosting a dinner at **Te Papa, Wellington** on **Friday, 8 December**. All members of the FLS are invited to join the executive and other guests to celebrate this momentous occasion.

The Wellington dinner will feature guest speakers; **Judge Catriona Doyle** and **Simon Jefferson QC**. Tickets are \$125 per head and include a three-course meal, arrival drinks and entertainment from Counsel in Concert. The dress code is formal.

The Wellington dinner is only four weeks away, there are a limited number of tickets, so don't miss out! To purchase a ticket, [click here](#).

We will also be hosting dinners in Auckland and Christchurch. The dates and venues are below:

- Auckland – The Hilton, Friday 16 February 2018
- Christchurch – Hagley Oval Pavilion, Friday 16 March 2018

You can book tickets for these dinners [here](#), with more details to follow. If you have any questions, or would like further information, please contact Tiffany Henderson at [family@lawsociety.org.nz](mailto:family@lawsociety.org.nz)

We hope you can join us for this celebration.

## **Law Commission review of the Property (Relationship) Act 1976**

In mid-October, the Law Commission released its issues paper, which is an extensive review of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976. A final report is due in November 2018. The issues paper can be found [here](#).

To inform practitioners about the review, the commission is holding a series of meetings around the country which all family law practitioners are invited to attend. The dates of the meetings can be found [here](#).

The commission is seeking feedback on its issues paper, which may be submitted online, by email or by post. We encourage FLS members to attend the meetings and to consider posting a submission on line directly with the commission on one or more the various areas set out in the issues paper. The FLS has established a working group and will be preparing a submission on all aspects of the issues paper.

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*FLS Chair*