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Meet our members



DR ANDREW BUTLER KC

Barrister, Arbitrator

Andrew is a leading commercial silk renowned for his expertise in complex commercial, regulatory, trusts and relationship property disputes. His extensive trial, appellate and ADR portfolio includes cross-border tax, economic regulation, competition, contracts, trusts, insolvency and securities law disputes. His clients include major banks, utilities, healthcare and transport service providers and high-net-worth families. Trusts and equity is a particular area of expertise. Andrew is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), is the general editor of the leading New Zealand trusts and equity text, has appeared in high-profile trust cases in New Zealand that have been influential overseas and has provided expert evidence on New Zealand trust law in overseas courts. In addition, Andrew has a strong public law practice covering judicial review, constitutional law, public international law, and human rights. Admitted to the bar in both New Zealand and Australia, Andrew speaks German and Italian, and holds dual Irish and New Zealand nationality. He is available to act as an arbitrator.



ANDREW GRANT

Barrister

Andrew Grant is a civil and commercial barrister at Bankside Chambers, with particular expertise in contract, tort, property and trusts disputes. He accepts instructions as counsel at all levels of the New Zealand courts system, as well as in international and domestic arbitrations under all major institutional rules. Prior to coming to the Bar in New Zealand, Andrew practiced as a dual-qualified lawyer at a leading international disputes firm in New York. There, he acted in commercial disputes in New York state and federal court, and in international arbitrations under the ICC, ICDR, UNCITRAL, AAA and ICSID rules of arbitration. Andrew holds an LLM from Harvard Law School, and a BA/LLB (Hons.) from the University of Auckland. He remains dual-qualified in New Zealand and New York.



DR ANNA KIRK

Barrister, Arbitrator

Dr Anna Kirk is an international arbitration specialist – acting as both arbitrator and counsel in international arbitrations. She is New Zealand's Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and ACICA. She is Vice-President of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand. Anna practised in London and worked with Sir David Williams KC for many years. She has expertise in public international law, mining and natural resources and construction/infrastructure disputes, and is ranked in Lexology Index and Legal 500 for arbitration. Anna has a PhD in international law from the University of Cambridge, lectures at the University of Auckland and is a contributing author to New Zealand's leading text on arbitration.



JEREMY JOHNSON

Barrister, Arbitrator

Jeremy Johnson is an experienced counsel with strong expertise in international trust and relationship property work, arbitration, and commercial disputes. Jeremy is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and holds a STEP Advanced Certificate in Trust Disputes. He is a Fellow of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand and of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Since 2013 Jeremy has been ranked as a leading dispute resolution practitioner in Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific and Global Directories. He holds an LLM from Cambridge University.



KAREN CHOW

Barrister, Mediator

Karen is a Malaysian-Chinese disputes resolution expert who has strong ties to New Zealand and Asia. She grew up in Malaysia and prior to working in law, she worked in banking for 10 years, including a three-year stint in Singapore and Malaysia between 2011 and 2014. After returning to New Zealand and since 2016, Karen has been practicing law and has acted as junior counsel on various matters in New Zealand such as cross-border contractual disputes, construction disputes and enforcement of international arbitral awards. Karen has worked with Singaporean and Malaysian counsel, and in addition to English, speaks fluent Mandarin, Bahasa and Hokkien. She comprehends Cantonese. Karen is now based permanently in Singapore.



KELLY QUINN KC

Barrister, Arbitrator

Kelly Quinn KC is a barrister specialising principally in construction disputes, but also practising general commercial litigation. He has over 30 years' experience, including nine years based in Hong Kong working on building and infrastructure disputes throughout Asia. His infrastructure experience includes disputes involving container ports, roads and motorways, water storage/supply, and energy. Kelly is a recognised trial specialist with an eye for detail and a talent for developing and implementing successful litigation strategies. In addition to his advocacy work, Kelly also practises as an arbitrator. He is a Fellow of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand and holds an LLM from the University of Auckland.



LAUREN LINDSAY

Barrister, Arbitrator

Lauren is a barrister and arbitrator with 20 years of experience in international arbitration and commercial litigation. Ranked in Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific, Lexology, and Legal 500 for both commercial litigation and arbitration, Lauren has acted as counsel under all main institutional rules. She also sits as an arbitrator with appointments under the SIAC, HKIAC, ICC and LCIA Rules. Lauren has particular expertise in disputes relating to the life sciences, energy, insurance and technology sectors. Lauren previously practised in London for over seven years within a global firm's international arbitration group and became English-law qualified. Lauren has tertiary degrees in law and science with an LLM from the European University Institute. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, ACICA and the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand.



HON PAUL HEATH KC

Arbitrator, Mediator

Hon Paul Heath is a retired Judge of the High Court of New Zealand, who sat regularly as an ad hoc Judge in the Court of Appeal. After retiring from the Bench in 2018, following 16 years' service, Paul has established a practice in international and domestic arbitration, including panel membership of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He has also been engaged in both international and domestic mediations, some of which were conducted on-line during the pandemic. Paul continues to undertake judicial work in four jurisdictions: he is a Judge of the Court of First Instance of the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Courts, a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Fiji, a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Tonga and Chief Justice of the Pitcairn Islands. He has a longstanding interest in cross-border insolvency, something that has been recognised by his position as Co-chair of INSOL International's ADR Colloquium.



POLLY POPE

Barrister, Arbitrator

Polly Pope is a leading New Zealand litigator and arbitrator, particularly noted for her expertise in insolvency, commercial, and construction disputes. Polly joined the independent bar after over a decade as a partner in preeminent commercial law firm Russell McVeagh, including a term as Chair of the Partnership. She has extensive commercial disputes experience and has won leading rankings across a range of directories including Chambers & Partners. In 2021, Polly was awarded Best in Restructuring and Insolvency at the Asia Women in Business Awards. Polly is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand. Polly acts on referrals from Singapore and international law firms in New Zealand disputes and cross border insolvency matters.



RINA SEE

Barrister, Arbitrator

Rina is a Singaporean citizen who has lived and practised in both New Zealand and London. She specialises in international dispute resolution, and has experience in a wide range of industries, including in financial services, technology, energy and mining. She has represented States, state entities and multinational corporations in international commercial and investment arbitrations, under the ICC, SIAC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, NAI and ICSID Rules, and regularly advises on conflict of laws and cross-border enforcement of arbitral awards and judgments. Prior to joining Bankside Chambers, Rina was counsel in the international arbitration practice of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in London. Rina has also been a prosecutor and solicitor for one of New Zealand's Crown Solicitors, focusing on commercial, regulatory and criminal litigation. Rina is now based in Singapore.



ROBERT HEATH KC

Barrister, Arbitrator

An experienced barrister, arbitrator and mediator, Robert is an Associate member of Bankside Chambers. He is based in Melbourne, Australia. Robert has a wide-ranging practice with particular expertise in arbitrations, class actions, infrastructure disputes, energy disputes, and civil/commercial fraud. He is entitled to practice as counsel in all Australian jurisdictions; and he is a registered practitioner at the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts. Robert has been involved in arbitrations under the ACICA, UNCITRAL and SIAC Rules; and he is a member of the SIAC (Reserve), HKIAC, and ACICA arbitration panels. He is an experienced mediator with SIMI accreditation.



SALLY TRAFFORD

Barrister

Sally is an accomplished international dispute resolution lawyer with extensive arbitration experience (including as Tribunal Secretary) under LCIA, SIAC and AMINZ rules. She has worked in London for a top tier US firm specialising in international commercial arbitration and litigation, and in New Zealand across all court levels. As a barrister sole, Sally maintains a broad civil litigation and advisory practice with a particular interest in commercial litigation and arbitration, insolvency, relationship property and regulatory matters. Sally holds a Masters of Law from Harvard University which she attended as a Fulbright and Ethel Benjamin scholar, and an LLB (Hons) and BA, from the University of Auckland.



SAM CAREY

Barrister

Sam Carey is a barrister who has worked in London and New Zealand. He has extensive experience at all court levels, and in international arbitrations before all major institutions. He has particular experience in contract/commercial law, insolvency, trusts, and property disputes. Sam has previously worked with Singapore counsel before the Singapore High Court and in mediations involving New Zealand and Singapore based parties. He has an LLM from the University of Auckland.



DR SIMON FOOTE KC

Barrister, Arbitrator

Dr Simon Foote KC is a barrister and arbitrator. He has broad experience as an advocate and arbitrator in general commercial, construction, trust, and investment treaty disputes. Simon has a PhD in investment treaty law from Victoria University of Wellington, a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand. Simon's book *The Bona Fide Investor: Corporate Nationality and Treaty Shopping in Investment Treaty Law* was published in 2022 by Wolters Kluwer.

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Tom Glasgow, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer – APAC at Omni Bridgeway

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