






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# Kathy Scott-Dowell



*Criminal - War crimes and  
Crown Prosecutor in  
Cambodia*

6pm

Wednesday 2 October

*Kathy Scott-Dowell recently graduated from Victoria University with an LLB(hons)/BA (international relations and political science). On completing her degrees, Kathy travelled to Cambodia to spend 6 months working as an intern in the Offices of the Co-Prosecutors at the international criminal tribunal there, the ECCC. This UN 'hybrid' tribunal is tasked with prosecuting former members of the Khmer Rouge regime. Kathy now works at Luke, Cunningham & Clere, the Crown Solicitors for the Wellington region.*

# Karen Hodgson



*Human Rights - Anti-  
Trafficking and Domestic  
Abuse in Cambodia*

7pm

Tuesday 1 October

*Karen works as a Senior Solicitor for the Ministry of Justice, but spent 2012 volunteering for an organisation called Hagar, in Cambodia. Hagar provides aftercare in Phnom Penh, Hanoi and Kabul for women and children who have suffered human rights abuse (eg trafficking, domestic violence). Karen volunteered for the international secretariat in Phnom Penh (Hagar International). She is still assisting from New Zealand by supporting the international board.*

*Karen is also a trustee of Justice Acts New Zealand. Justice Acts is relatively new and works with others to combat and raise the profile of the issue of human trafficking in New Zealand and the Pacific.*

# Carlos Chambers



*Environmental and  
Entrepreneurial Activist*

7pm  
Wednesday 2 October

*Carlos works on strategy, policy and media for Generation Zero, a network of young New Zealanders passionate about the solutions to climate change. He helped build Law For Change in Auckland, and now helps coordinate the national picture from Wellington.*

*He moved to Auckland in 2012 after completing his BA and LLB at Otago University and the University of Amsterdam while on exchange in the Netherlands. Carlos spent a year and a half as a solicitor at Russell McVeagh in the Auckland Public, Regulatory and Competition team and time volunteering at the Mangere Community Law Centre in Auckland. His interests lie in climate change, public law and politics and how entrepreneurship and business can address large-scale social problems. Carlos loves the great outdoors and spending time with and learning from inspiring people.*

# Petra Butler



*Human Rights – International  
Law and Government Policy  
Advice*

6pm  
Thursday 3 October

*Petra is an Associate Professor at Victoria University of Wellington, who specialises in human rights, comparative and private international law. She has worked on human rights issues in Germany, South Africa, China, Australia and the United Kingdom.*

*Petra was a member of the National Advisory Council to the Human Rights Commission for the National Plan of Action for Human Rights. She has supported numerous governments in human rights policy development, and has advised the government and NGOs on their reports and shadow reports. She has also supported individual barristers in human rights cases - mainly by providing feedback, discussing strategy, and providing research support.*

# Andrew Butler, PhD



*Human Rights Expert - Litigation  
Partner, Crown Counsel and  
Academic*

6pm  
Tuesday 1 October

*Andrew is a litigation partner in the Wellington office of Russell McVeagh. Andrew has had extensive academic and practical experience in human rights law. His LLM (Osgoode Hall, Toronto) and PhD (European University Institute, Florence) both focussed on comparative human rights law issues; he taught human rights at the law faculty of Victoria for many years; he has presented papers on a range of Bill of Rights issues in New Zealand and overseas; and he has written extensively on human rights law matters.*

*Andrew was Crown Counsel in the human rights team at the Crown Law Office from 1999 - 2005, appearing in many of the leading Bill of Rights cases. Since joining Russell McVeagh, he has continued his interest in human rights litigation, appearing on a number of occasions for the Human Rights Commission as intervenor before the Court of Appeal; representing IDEA Services Ltd (the provider arm of IHC New Zealand Inc) in a discrimination claim against the Ministry of Health and the Auckland and Wellington Jewish communities in a challenge they brought against the decision of the then Minister of Agriculture to ban schechita slaughter practices in New Zealand. Andrew is convenor of the New Zealand Law Society's Human Rights and Privacy Committee.*

# Michael White



*Human Rights Commission –  
Public, Constitutional and  
International Law Focus*

6pm  
Tuesday 1 October

*Michael is a Legal Officer at the Human Rights Commission in Wellington. He is involved in intervening in cases before the higher courts, advising on government legislation and more generally New Zealand's obligations at international law. He has practiced in a private law firm, as a government lawyer and as an advisor to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. Michael has a particular interest in public and constitutional law - including compliance with the Human Rights Act 1993 and the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 - and the practical interplay between domestic law and international obligations.*

# Philip Rossiter



*Family Law Expert -  
Domestic Violence and  
Social Development,*

6pm  
Tuesday 1 October

*Philip is a family law expert who is currently completing his PhD through the University of Waikato. The topic of his research is "Resilience in Adults who experienced domestic violence as children". He has published and presented on the topics of family law, domestic violence, and the family courts. Philip is also passionate about public and administrative law, an area in which he currently works*

# Nessa Lynch, PhD



*Youth Justice Expert –  
Legal and Criminology*

7pm  
Tuesday 1 October

*Nessa is a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University who is passionate about youth justice issues. She has undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Law from University College Cork, Ireland, and a doctorate in Law from the University of Otago. Her doctoral thesis focused on due process rights in the youth justice family group conference, and youth justice continues to be her primary research interest. She publishes in both the law and criminology fields.*

# Rochelle Furneaux



*Intellectual Property and  
Technology – Director  
and Lawyer at Enspiral  
Legal*

7pm  
Tuesday 1 October

*Rochelle Furneaux is a lawyer with 16 years experience as a litigator and mediator. Her passion and area of specialty is in Intellectual Property, particularly as it relates to technology and the interweb. Rochelle is a director and lawyer at Enspiral Legal - a Wellington shared workspace - and works with a wide range of social enterprises, charities and ethical businesses. Rochelle has worked with and advised the Open Source community on various projects. She is perpetually curious, and has been known to crochet the odd iPhone and iPad cover.*

# Emily Bruce



*Criminal Justice – Co-  
Chair of JustSpeak,  
Youth Court and CJP*

6pm  
Wednesday 2 October

*Emily Bruce is the co-chair of JustSpeak, which is a non-partisan network of young people speaking to, and speaking up for, a new generation of thinkers who want change in our criminal justice system. She is a keen advocate for youth justice issues and works at the Youth Court in Wellington. She was also involved in the development of the Wellington Community Justice Project at Victoria University, which matches law students with legal volunteering opportunities in the community.*



# Matt Smith



*Refugee, Immigration  
and Public Interest Law  
Generally – Co-Founder  
of Law for Change*

7pm  
Wednesday 2 October

*Matt's enthusiasm for public interest law is infectious. Matt is a barrister who has worked on a huge range of public interest law cases. Admitted to the Bar in 2007, he holds LLB (First Class Hons.) and BA (Political Studies) degrees from the University of Otago. Matthew also holds an LLM from Harvard Law School, where he was a Frank Knox Fellow from 2008–2009. Prior to joining Thorndon Chambers in 2011, Matthew worked as a Judges' Clerk at the High Court in Wellington, as a junior barrister at Stout Street Chambers and as a Solicitor in the Litigation and Public Law and Policy teams at Russell McVeagh. He also worked as a Legal Fellow at the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly in Turkey, where he worked on refugee and immigration issues. Matt was part of the team who helped set up Law for Change initially in 2012.*

# Cam Madgwick



*Community Law Centre  
and Pro Bono – Associate  
General Counsel at  
Contact Energy*

6pm  
Thursday 3 October

*Cam has been heavily involved in community law throughout his career, having volunteered at the Wellington Community Law Centre for the past 18 years. He balances work as Associate General Counsel at Contact Energy with serving on the Chairman of the board of the Wellington Community Law Centre. He is also Chairman of Community Law Centres o Aotearoa. Cameron's work with Community Law Centres was recognised by his peers in 2009 and 2012 when he was awarded the Corporate Lawyers Association of New Zealand Community Contribution Award. Cameron donated the \$7,000 prize to the Wellington Community Law Centre in 2009 and to Community Law Centres o Aotearoa in 2012. Cameron is currently working to establish a pro bono clearing house to connect those with the greatest need with lawyers wanting to provide their services for free to address that need. He is an inspiring lawyer who typifies what it means to use legal skills to serve the public good. Ask him about the 100 year plan for community law - you won't regret it.*

# Hon. Justice Kós

*High Court Judge*



6pm

Thursday 3 October

*Justice Stephen Kós graduated LLB (Hons) from Victoria University in 1981 (winning the Chapman Tripp Centenary Prize for his graduating year) and LLM from Cambridge University in 1985. He was a junior lecturer in law at Victoria University 1980-82, a partner in the Wellington firm Perry Wylie Pope & Page 1985-88, and a litigation partner at Russell McVeagh 1988-2005. He was chairman of partners of that firm 2003-05. Justice Kós joined the independent bar in 2005, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2007. He was one of the founding members of Stout Street Chambers in Wellington. He had a wide trial and appellate practice in commercial, contract, equity, competition, environmental and public law litigation. At the time of his appointment Justice Kós was also the Pro-Chancellor of Massey University, Honorary Lecturer in Law at Victoria University and Chairman of the New Zealand Markets Disciplinary Tribunal, the stock exchange disciplinary tribunal. He was appointed to the High Court in April 2011 and sits in Wellington.*

# Richard Moss

*Criminal Justice, Access  
to Education, Ethics and  
the Arts -*



7pm

Thursday 3 October

*Richard's career has not been conventional. He graduated in arts and law from University of New South Wales in 1979 after which he was admitted to the bar in 1980. He then trained in improvisational theatre and taught circus skills for a large part of the 80's. In 1990 he was appointed Director of the Institute of Professional Legal Studies and in 1998 Director of the Institute of Judicial Studies. He has also done a stint in the Disputes Tribunal, and now does mediation/conflict resolution work.*

*The focus of Richard's public interest work has been involvement on the boards of NGOs. Currently, he chairs Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Society and Global Focus Aotearoa. He also participates on an ethics committee and because he has an interest in contemporary New Zealand art, he also participate on arts trusts.*



# Claire Achmad



*Refugee and  
Immigration, Child Rights,  
Human Rights and Policy  
and Legislation*

7pm

Thursday 3 October

*Claire was a founding executive member, and later Co-Student Director, of the Equal Justice Project. This role focused on access to justice issues around unmet legal need for migrants and refugees in Auckland. Claire also assisted as a student volunteer with the Ahmed Zaoui legal campaign. In Wellington, Claire has continued her pro bono work as a volunteer solicitor at the Community Law Centre Refugee and Immigration Legal Advice Service. This was a role Claire undertook outside her role as solicitor at the Ministry of Social Development in the Policy and Legislation Team at Legal Services National Office. At MSD her work predominantly focused on human rights issues across the social security and child welfare spectrums, and she was lead legal advisor on intercountry adoption and international surrogacy issues.*

*Claire completed her Masters in Advanced Studies in Public International Law (cum laude) at Leiden University in 2011 on a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship, specialising in Peace, Justice and Development. Following this she worked as a Child Rights and Advocacy Officer at UNICEF in The Hague, leading work on child asylum seekers in the Netherlands and advising at the European Union and Council of Europe levels. Claire returned to Wellington to take up the position of Senior Advisor to the Chief Human Rights Commissioner and Executive Director, New Zealand Human Rights Commission. She is undertaking her doctorate through the Department of Child Law at the University of Leiden.*

# Hannah Northover



*Community Law Centre,  
Maori Legal Dictionary  
Project*

7pm

Thursday 3 October

*Hannah is immersed in community law. She is currently the Managing Lawyer at the Te Awa Kairangi (Hutt Valley) Office of Community Law Wellington and Hutt Valley. She started at Community Law as a student volunteer, then a lawyer volunteer, then a generalist Community Lawyer at the Wellington office, and also worked at Chapman Tripp in the litigation team for 4 years. Hannah also volunteered for Victoria University's Papakupu Reo Ture Māori Legal Dictionary project.*