

Profiles of Key Guests at Christchurch ILRS Luncheon



The Hon Justice Nation 2015, based in Christchurch

The Hon Justice Gerald Nation graduated LL.B (Hons) from the University of Canterbury, in 1974 and admitted as a barrister and solicitor in 1975. He was employed with the firm of Wynn Williams in Christchurch and became a partner in 1979. He has 35 years' experience appearing in the High Court in both criminal and civil litigation, as well as the Court of Appeal and all lower courts. Justice Nation was appointed a High Court Judge in February 2015 and is based in Christchurch.



The Hon Justice Osborne

2018, based in Christchurch

The Hon Justice Osborne graduated with an LLB(Hons) from the University of Canterbury in 1975 and an LLM in 1980. He practised as a solicitor in Christchurch from 1976 before travelling overseas in 1980 to spend five years as a Crown Counsel, then Senior Crown Counsel, with the Hong Kong Government. He was a partner at Duncan Cotterill for 21 years and then moved to the independent bar in 2007. In the later part of his practising career he worked primarily in civil/commercial and trust litigation, and professional discipline. Justice Osborne was appointed as an Associate Judge in 2009 and was appointed as a Judge of the High Court in 2018. Justice Osborne is based in Christchurch.



Professor Ursula Cheer, Dean of Law, University of Canterbury

Qualifications & Memberships

- Doctor of Philosophy (University of Canterbury)
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (University of Canterbury)
- Master of Laws (University of Cambridge)
- Australasian Law Teachers Association (ALTA) (Professional Organisation): Member
- Canterbury Women's Law Association (CWLA) (Professional Organisation): Member
- Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) (Professional Organisation): Member, Christchurch chapter

- Media Law Association of New Zealand (MLA) (Professional Organisation): Founding member
- Society of Legal Scholars (SLS) (Professional Organisation): Member

Research Interests

Research interests lie in a combination of Torts, such as Defamation, Civil Liberties, in particular, Censorship, Bill of Rights and the broad range of topics making up Media Law, such as Privacy, and regulatory systems such as the Broadcasting Standards Authority and the Press Council.

- Censorship
- Contract
- Defamation, nuisance, trespass, privacy
- General media law issues
- Law reform
- Bill of Rights



Professor Philip Joseph

Professor Philip Joseph is regarded as one of the country's leading scholars in public law.

Qualifications & Memberships

- Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (University of Canterbury)
- Doctor of Law (University of Canterbury)
- Master of Laws (University of British Columbia)

Joseph, a UC law graduate with a postgraduate degree from the University of British Columbia, has written about 150 publications in books and legal periodicals published in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. He is also a member of the New Zealand Law Society's Rule of Law Committee tasked with monitoring government decision-making, and is regularly called to appear before Parliament's select committees to share his insights on legislative initiatives in the field of public law.



The Very Rev. Lawrence Kimberley (born 1962) has been [Dean of Christchurch](#) since 2015.^[1]

The Very Rev. Lawrence Kimberley was previously an accountant. He was [Curate at Church of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch](#) then [Vicar of Heathcote- Mount Pleasant](#). He was [Archdeacon of Pegasus](#)^[2] from 2006 to 2014. He was then [Vicar of St Martin, Opawa](#) until his appointment to the [Deanery](#).^[3]



Peter Eastgate

Trusts and Estates – Partner Cavell Leitch (Act for Catholic Church)

Peter is a nationally recognised expert in all aspects of trust law (including charitable trusts) as well as being a senior specialist in the areas of Wills, estate and succession law, elder law, the law of attorneyship and asset protection.

He provides advice on complex estate and trust matters to clients throughout New Zealand and overseas, and to other professionals within the Canterbury area. He has been a Court appointed professional trustee for estates and trusts on a number of occasions.

A strong advocate of ongoing education within the legal and trust professions, for a number of years he was the New Zealand Legal Consultant at UWS College at the University of Western Sydney, supervising the trust and estate law teaching programme for New Zealand based students. Peter is a contributing editor on trust law with legal publisher LexisNexis New Zealand Limited and has been a regular presenter at law conferences for many years.



Charlene Sell

New Zealand Law Society Canterbury Branch Board Member

Partner Wynn Williams

Charlene is a leading Christchurch commercial lawyer and is representing the Branch Council of the New Zealand Law Society. Charlene works with local small and medium-sized businesses as well as larger national and international corporate clients.

Her expertise includes assisting with business acquisitions and sale, drafting and providing advice on commercial contracts and terms of trade, employment matters and brand protection.