



Series 3 - 2016

Course title:

*Law Matters: rambles - and some
brambles - in the legal thicket*

Dates: **Fridays, 9 September - 14 October**

Time: **10:00am - 12 noon**

Venue: **Salmond Hall, Knox Street, Dunedin**

(Enrolments for this course will be limited to **50.**)

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Course fee: \$45. Tea and coffee provided.

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LAW MATTERS: rambles - and some brambles - in the legal thicket

Law is often seen as obscure, arcane, and distant. And, of course, expensive! Sometimes it's all those things, but this course aims to sort out *some* of the mystery via the skills and enthusiasm of our presenters as they range over a variety of topics, from both theoretical and practical perspectives.

9 Sept Overview of how law works and key concepts

The what? when? why? and where? of law. Everyday law affecting citizens (and other persons) and their property. Examples and discussion of law in action.

Stephen Baird, former Senior Lecturer in Commercial Law, School of Business, University of Otago

16 Sept Issues of tax and taxing issues.

Would a capital gains tax solve the Auckland housing 'crisis'? What are foreign trusts and what is a tax haven? What is a 'fair amount' of tax? These questions arise all the time. Let's see if we can shed more light than heat on them.

Shelley Griffiths, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Otago

23 Sept Family Law: Relationships and marriages break up.

Mum wants to take the children back to where she came from in Australia. Dad opposes that. Mum wants more than 50% of the relationship property because she has given up her career to bring up the three children. What's fair and just in these circumstances?

Mark Henaghan, Professor, and Dean of School of Law, University of Otago

30 Sept Employment Law

How employment law redresses the power imbalance in the workplace. What is a fair and reasonable employer? Does it matter? Why are employment lawyers a confounded nuisance? What happens in practice? The principles of employment law illustrated by some bizarre tales from the dark-side.

Barry Dorking, Consultant at Anderson Lloyd specialising in employment law

7 Oct Trusts: Does the Law Matter?

Trusts are all the rage in New Zealand. Settlers transfer their assets into trust, but continue to enjoy them as if nothing has changed. Are these trusts a mere illusion? Should they be ignored? Or should they be treated as a valid disposition of property? What are the implications of recent trust busting decisions?

Nicola Peart, Professor, School of Law, University of Otago

14 Oct 1. International Law

What is International law and how does it deal with challenges facing ethnic minorities within existing states? Is the current position on the right to self-determination really helpful? Perhaps a more liberal approach could assist in resolving many of the security issues the world now faces.

David Sim, Senior Civil Litigator at Downie Stuart Lawyers

2. Criminal Law

NZ's sentencing approach is an economic and social failure. We have the 7th highest imprisonment rate in the OECD, a 52% return to prison within 48mths, a prison roll of 9000 costing \$93k per person per year. We clearly need a different approach. What can be done?

Anne Stevens, Barrister, specialising in Criminal Law and Mental Health Law