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NEW ZEALAND SPORTS LAW SYMPOSIUM

Thursday 4th July 2024

L2 East Lounge
Sky Stadium
105 Waterloo Quay
Pipitea
Wellington 6140

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9.30am **Registration**

9.45am **Welcome**

Andrew Leslie, CEO, Nuku Ora

10.00am **Athlete Panel. Athlete wellness, preparation**

- Jess McFadyen, White Fern
- Anna Green, Former Football Fern
- Sam Child, Former Black Sticks
- Whitney Souness, Silver Fern

11.00am **Morning tea break**

11.30am **The Athletes' Cooperative v HPSNZ Case**

Don Mackinnon, Barrister, City Chambers

12.15pm **New Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission Update**

Adine Wilson, Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission, Board Member and Associate, Meredith Connell

12.45pm **Lunch**

1.45pm **Insights from Mana Mokopuna – Children & Young People's Commission**

Dr Claire Achmad, Chief Children's Commissioner, Mana Mokopuna – Children & Young People's Commission

Insights from Sport New Zealand

Dave Adams, Head of Strategic Foresight, Sport New Zealand

2.30pm **Sports Law Update**

Paul David KC, Barrister, Eldon Chambers

3.15pm **Afternoon tea break**

3.30pm **Mā Whero, Mā Pango Ka Oti Ai Te Mahi: Mātauranga, Tikanga and Sports Law in Aotearoa 2024**

Chris Merrick, Partner, Meredith Connell

4.15pm **The Rise of Sports Fandom and Innovation**

Justin Nelson, Head of Commercial & Fandom, Sky New Zealand

5.00pm **Close**

5.15pm **Refreshments & Networking**

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Dr Claire Achmad **Chief Children's Commissioner, Mana Mokopuna –** **Children & Young People's Commission**

Dr Claire Achmad is a recognised advocate for children in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally, having worked in a wide range of areas relating to children's rights, including from legal, policy and practice perspectives.

Before becoming Chief Children's Commissioner, she served as Chief Executive Officer of Social Service Providers Te Pai Ora o Aotearoa, and in that role championed the aspirations and outcomes of children, rangatahi and whānau and community-based social service providers, strongly grounded in a focus on equity.

Claire holds a doctorate in international children's rights law from Leiden University, the Netherlands, and has published internationally on a range of children's rights issues. She also holds degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Auckland and is a University of Auckland 40 Under 40 Honoree.

Previously, Claire worked for children's NGOs and international organisations in Aotearoa, Australia and Europe, held a senior role within Te Kāhui Tika Tangata the New Zealand Human Rights Commission, and practised as in-house legal counsel in the New Zealand government. She was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand in 2007.



Dave Adams **Head of Strategic Foresight, Sport New Zealand**

Dave is Sport NZ's Head of Strategic Foresight responsible for helping the sector to be ready and resilient to future change. He is a qualified, practicing and published futurist, with qualifications from the Houston University and Metafutures Business School. This adds to an earlier Victoria University degree in business and Masters in recreation and leisure.

A long-serving member of Sport NZ, Dave has had leadership roles across events, investment, policy, relationship management and sector capability, and was advisor to the Minister for sport for a couple of years.

Dave has played football for NZ Universities and has represented Wellington at age-group level in cricket and tennis. He is married to Karyn and has three daughters, a dog, two cats and two horses.

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Sam Child **Former Black Sticks**

Sam debuted for the Black Sticks New Zealand Women's Hockey Team as a 19 year old in 2010 and has recently retired having since played 277 games. She competed at the Olympic Games in London, Rio and Tokyo, placing 4th at both the 2012 and 2016 games. She was a part of the team who won a Bronze Medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, and a Gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

Sam took a year out from the sport in 2022 to give birth to her twin boys. When the twins were 7 months old, Sam made a return to the team to compete in the Oceania Cup in 2023 and play for a further 12 months before retiring. Alongside her hockey and being a mum to her twins, Sam works as a Nutritionist at My Food Bag, is an Olympic Ambassador and is a current Board Member as a players representative for the Hockey Players Association.



Paul David KC **Barrister, Eldon Chambers**

Paul has many years' experience as counsel and has advised and represented parties in most areas of New Zealand law. Paul maintains a broad practice at the Bar with a focus on commercial litigation. He is an acknowledged leader in two areas of specialism – maritime law and sports law.

Paul has had an interest in legal issues affecting sport throughout his legal career from the days when he first tried to answer team-mates' legal questions. He published articles on important legal issues in sport such as civil liability for sporting injury as a young barrister when such articles were very rare. His practice has developed significantly in the area over the years. Paul has advised many sporting organisations and athletes and has appeared as counsel in a wide range of sporting disputes, in the courts, before the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand. From 2000 until 2018 he acted as independent counsel representing Drug Free Sport New Zealand, the national anti-doping organization responsible for the WADC. Paul is an arbitrator in the Court of Arbitration for Sport and has been appointed to the CAS Anti-Doping Division in the list of Presidents and sole arbitrators.

Paul has written and presented widely on legal issues affecting sport throughout his career. He is the author of the text –A Guide to the World Anti-Doping Code. The third edition of this text was published in 2017

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Anna Green **Former Football Fern**

Anna played for the NZ Football Ferns for 16 years from 2006 to 2023. Making her senior debut as a teenager she amassed 82 caps for the Football Ferns, playing in three Women's World Cups and four Olympic Games.

She played professionally for 8 years all across the globe including Japan, Sweden, Germany, England and finishing up winning the A-League with Sydney FC in 2023.

She retired from football in Jan 2023 and now works as a consultant with Deloitte.



Andrew Leslie **CEO, Nuku Ora**

Andrew's career in the sport and recreation sector spans over 25 years, working in local government and for not-for-profit organisations. Currently he is CEO of Nuku Ora, the sports trust for the Wellington region. In this role he is responsible for providing leadership and support to the regional sector, in order to enhance the hauora of people through increased physical activity. Andrew continues to rehabilitate following a life-changing mountain bike accident in 2020 that left him as a tetraplegic, and sparked in him a desire to improve the accessibility of the great outdoors.



Jess McFadyen **White Fern**

Jess is an international cricketer, debuting for the White Ferns in 2022 and as captain of the inaugural Aotearoa Māori Wahine team in 2024 team. She has played for the Blaze for eight seasons and has also had stints playing in Australia and the UK.

Outside of Cricket, Jess studied at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. She received a full ride scholarship to play field hockey for the university for four years, and played hockey for Wellington and Capital in the National Hockey League prior to focusing on cricket.

Currently, she is the Programme Director of Football For All, a national programme aimed at removing barriers for refugees, immigrants, lower socio economic families and families facing hardship to play football.

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Don Mackinnon **Barrister, City Chambers**

Don Mackinnon is one of New Zealand's leading employment lawyers and a highly experienced sports lawyer/director. He was formerly a senior partner at Simpson Grierson and a founding partner of SBM Legal before joining the independent bar in 2020.

He is currently Chair of Super Rugby club The Blues, and the Integrity Vetting Panel of World Athletics based in Monaco. He has also just been named Chair of the new Sport Integrity Commission.

Don has previously served as a director of NZ Cricket (and Chair of its High-Performance Committee), Sport NZ, High Performance Sport NZ and was Chair of Netball NZ. He has also led several major reviews into sport.



Chris Merrick **Partner, Meredith Connell**

Chris Merrick (Te Whakapiko o Ngāti Manaia, Ngāti Wai, Ma'ufanga, Niua) is a Partner at Meredith Connell. He works on a range of litigation and advisory matters, with a particular focus on the intersection of te ao Māori and legal issues.

He is a member of the Sports and Recreation Complaints and Mediation panel, and has held leading roles as counsel assisting the Abuse in Care Royal Commission, Dilworth Independent Inquiry, as well as a Judicial Officer for Auckland Rugby.



Justin Nelson, **Head of Commercial & Fandom, Sky New Zealand**

Justin Nelson arrived in New Zealand in February 2019 tasked with the job of fixing New Zealand's National Basketball League. Backed by a 30-year career in sports management and media, the Melburnian arrived in Aotearoa with fandom and innovation at the centre of his plans to transform basketball. His innovations in New Zealand have been many, including the world's first ever sports bubble during Covid and global deals that have seen NBL games broadcast live on ESPN in the USA and around the world on TikTok. Now based at Sky Sport, Nelson is an expert in fandom and his most recent innovation – Rapid League – has been heralded as a game-changer for basketball and is set to be adopted internationally. A grandfather of seven and a passionate Sydney Swans fan, Nelson now calls Wellington home amongst his travels across New Zealand spreading his message that the fans are the most important people in sport.

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Whitney Souness **Silver Fern**

Whitney Souness plays netball for Te Wananga o Raukawa Pulse, for whom she has played over 120 times. She is also a member of the Silver Ferns for whom she has 43 caps.

Souness comes from Porirua in the Wellington Region and was contracted by the Te Wananga o Raukawa Pulse in 2015, however she suffered an ACL injury while playing for Wellington in the final of the national provincial championships that year. As a result, she was unable to compete for much of 2016. She continues to play for Pulse from 2017 to 2019, before spending a year with the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic in 2020. She returned to Central Pulse in 2021 and has played there ever since. Souness has helped the Pulse to two National titles during her career.

Souness was first selected for the Silver Ferns in 2017, by the end of 2021 she had played 14 games, in the wing attack (WA) and centre (C) positions for New Zealand. Souness was a member of the Silver Ferns 2022 Commonwealth Games Team that won Bronze after defeating England. She made her World Cup debut in South Africa in 2023.

When not playing netball, Souness works as a DJ.



Adine Wilson **Associate, Meredith Connell & Integrity Sport & Recreation Commission Board Member**

Former Silver Fern Captain Adine Wilson is an Associate at Meredith Connell and forms part of MC's sports law team. Adine has knowledge of athlete rights and welfare, drawing from her personal experience in the sporting world and her involvement with the New Zealand Netball Players Association. Adine has held various governance roles. She was most recently appointed to the inaugural board of the new Integrity Sport Recreation Commission. Adine has been an athlete mentor for the Tania Dalton Foundation since 2018 and is a current trustee. Adine made her debut for the Silver Ferns in 1999. She was part of the team which won the World Cup in 2003 in Jamaica. During her stint as captain, the Silver Ferns won the Commonwealth Games gold medal in 2006 in Melbourne. Adine retired from international play in 2007 following 79 test appearances.

2024 SYMPOSIUM: ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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