

## New appointments 2017

David Broadmore, Lisette Hood, Brannavan Gnanalingam, Damien Steel-Baker, Holly Hedley, Rupert Rouch, Amy Watson, Scott Holdaway, Tim Hayward

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We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new partners and eight new senior associates.

### Partners

**David Broadmore** is a member of the Auckland litigation team and specialises in commercial litigation. He has extensive experience in resolving insolvency, professional negligence, property, construction, insurance and contractual disputes. He advises and acts for financial institutions, insolvency practitioners, insurers, public bodies and private and corporate clients.

**Lisette Hood** is a member of the Auckland corporate team and specialises in corporate law, commercial contracting and mergers and acquisitions. Lisette advises our national and international clients (in both the public and private sector) on transactional issues relevant to investment in New Zealand based assets, complex commercial supply agreements, regulatory compliance and corporate governance issues.

### Senior Associates

In Auckland, **Mark Davis** specialises in banking and finance. Mark has a broad range of experience in advising lenders and borrowers on domestic and cross-border financings, with an emphasis on leveraged and acquisition finance, syndicated lending and development and construction finance.

In Wellington, **Brannavan Gnanalingam** specialises in property, litigation, insolvency and debt recovery. He advises on large-scale property acquisitions, the negotiation of easements, licences, leases, sale and purchase agreements, and alienations of Māori land. **Damien Steel-Baker** specialises in commercial contracting and procurement, with a focus on technology, media and telecommunications. He advises on a wide range of complex transactions including cloud computing, software development and licensing. He also has broad experience advising on issues such as information security, privacy, and compliance with public sector procurement and ICT obligations. **Holly Hedley** specialises in health, employment and privacy law. She advises on medico-legal matters, health information privacy, adverse events and health related litigation such as coronial investigations and judicial review. She also has a wide range of employment experience, including advising on dismissal, redundancy, performance management, bullying and health and safety. **Rupert Rouch** specialises in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and general corporate advisory matters. He has extensive knowledge of all aspects of commercial law and his background includes tax, banking and finance, financial markets, and litigation experience.

In Christchurch, **Amy Watson** specialises in property, public and local government law. She advises clients on a wide range of commercial and residential real estate transactions, local government and public law matters. **Scott Holdaway** specialises in property, local government law, and regulatory issues. He acts for various territorial authorities, central government and private entities. **Tim Hayward** specialises in banking and finance, corporate and commercial and consumer law. He advises clients on a wide range of lending and commercial transactions and has particular experience in statutory/regulatory compliance.

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