

## Scott Barker on the year ahead – litigation outlook

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Scott Barker, partner at Buddle Findlay was interviewed by the [NBR](#). Scott says a significant trend for litigation in 2018 will be [property](#). *"The property market is cooling especially in Auckland, so investors and developer margins are going to be squeezed and I think that's likely to give rise to more disputes"* says Barker. Other areas of property which will likely feature are the continuation of claims from the Christchurch earthquake, the office/commercial property space around the misrepresentation of the seismic performance of buildings and the incompetency of professionals in the construction industry.

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