# PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I have extensive experience in the areas of Trust, Estate and Elder law. I have acted, and still act, for a number of statutory trust companies and advise various legal and accounting practices in New Zealand. I am a member of the following related organisations.

- The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP); an English-based international trust organisation
- The Wills and Trusts Technical Sub-Committee of the New Zealand Law Society (NZLS) Property Law Section
- The Wellington Branch of the Trusts Special Interest Group of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA)
- Succession/Inheritance Sub-Committee of New Zealand Family Law Section

My publications in the area of trusts, wills and estates include:

- Co-author of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> editions of Dobbie's Probate and Administration Practice
- Co-author of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> editions of Garrow & Kelly's Law of Trust and Trustees
- Contributor to Lexis Nexis Law of Trusts
- Probate and Administration author for McGechan on Procedure
- I have published and presented numerous papers in the area of wills, elder law and trusts for NZLS, NZICA and Lexis Nexis. Following is a list of those papers, seminars and conference:

#### 2001

WDLS Seminar - Updated Will Drafting Tips

#### 2002

NZLS Travelling Seminar – Wills and Estate Administration after the PRA

#### 2003

NZLS Trust Conference – Death and Estate Administration

NZLS Legal Executive Conference – *The Property (Relationships) Act 1976 – Trust and Estate Administration* 

Lexis Nexis – Estate Planning and Elder Law Master Class – Formulating the Effective Estate and Succession Plan

### 2004

Lexis Nexis Conference – Recent Developments in Estate Litigation

Co-Chairman Lexis Nexis Trusts and Estate Planning Law Conference

NZICA Trust Conference - Death, Estates and Wills

NZLS Property Law Conference – Administering Trusts and Estates – some of the practical problems facing executors and trustees

Lexis Nexis Property Relationship Master Class – *Trust Law for Relationship Property Lawyers* 

## 2005

NZICA Seminar - Death, Wills and Trusts

NZLS Trust Conference - Trust and Will Drafting - Know your Deed

NZLS Family Law Conference – In Trusts we trust or do we?

## 2006

March NZICA Seminar – Trust Deeds and Documentation

June NZLS Property Law Conference – Legal Advice for Trustees

August NZLS Seminar - Trusts and the PRA - Working Together - Estate

**Planning** 

October NZ Law Conference – Trusts

2007

June NZLS Trust Conference

Variations and Re-settlement of Trusts

Wills Bill

October NZ Law Conference – Wills Act 2007

2008

June Lexis Nexis Conference – Wills and Succession Law September NZLS – Enduring Powers of Attorney – A new regime

2009

March Lexis Nexis - Wills & Succession Law Accelerator - Taking a Best Practice

Approach to Will Drafting

June Chair of NZLS Trust Conference

September NZLS Family Law Conference – Kelly & Peart – Like sand through the hour

glass, so are the days of our lives.

2010

June NZLS Property Law Conference – *The Personal Side of Property*September Lexis Nexis Wills, Trusts and Elder Law Conference – *Wills Act 2007* 

October Trust, Wills & Elder Law, Lexis Nexis - Wills Act 2007 - Changes and

Current Issues

November NZ Lawyer – "Can I get a Witness" – re EPAs

2011

February NZICA Seminar Auckland June Chair, NZLS Trust Conference

July Trusts and Relationship Property in New Zealand – N Peart, G F Kelly and

M Henaghan, published in *Trusts and Trustees*, Oxford University Press

September Wills Act Update Webinar (NZLS)

November NZLS Family Law Conference – Estate Claims

2012

May NZLS Intensive Death and the Law July NZLS webinar Will drafting and advice

August NZLS webinar After Death – claims against estates

November NZLS webinar Gifting – 12 months on

2013

March ADLS Cradle to the Grave Yours, Mine and Ours - trusts and wills for

blended families

June NZLS Trust Conference *Trusts – best practice in 2013* 

August Legal Executives Conference *Trust structuring & restructuring*September NZLS webinar *Trust Deeds : drafting mistakes and issues*November NZLS webinar *Gifting and residential care subsidies* 

2014

February/March NZICA Trusts Update

April ADLS Cradle to the Grave The Corporate Trustee – issues for professional

trustees

May NZLS Elder Law Intensive *Trusts* 

June NZICA Trust Conference Winding down trusts and resettlements

October NZLS seminar Asset protection update

2015

February NZLS conference CPD Top Up Day

April NZLS Cradle to the Grave

June Chair, NZLS Trust Conference and paper Estates and wills

Over the last 10 years I have provided numerous opinions for many legal firms throughout New Zealand in my specialist area of the law and I have provided expert evidence in this area on several occasions. This year I am again listed with Best Lawyers as one of the best lawyers in New Zealand in the area of wills, trusts and estates.

## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Laws Victoria University, Wellington 1978
Master of Laws (with distinction) Victoria University, Wellington 2010