

## PEOPLE IN THE LAW ON THE MOVE

### Solomons promotes Rob Pile

Dunedin firm Solomons has promoted **Rob Pile** to senior solicitor. Admitted in December 2013, Rob joined Solomons in June 2017 as a member of the property and commercial team. Before joining the firm, Rob practised property and commercial law in Christchurch and with another Dunedin law firm. His practice areas include purchasing and selling commercial, rural and residential property, wills and trusts, commercial leasing and subdivisions and boundary adjustments.

### Valerie Bland sets up Extra Law Ltd

**Valerie Bland** has incorporated Extra Law Ltd as an Alternative Legal Services Provider (ALSP) in Wellington. Extra Law offers legal services to predominantly government organisations by providing an extra law team member to sit with in-house teams and cover a personnel shortage for a fixed



term. Valerie was admitted in 1994 after graduating LLB(Hons) from the University of Waikato. She worked in private practice for 15 years as a commercial property/commercial lawyer and joined the Ministry of Education in March 2012.

### Khushbu Sundarji joins Stewart Germann

**Khushbu Sundarji** has been appointed a solicitor at Auckland firm Stewart Germann Law Office. Khushbu was admitted as a barrister and solicitor in September 2010 and has worked for law firms in Melbourne and Auckland. She has considerable experience in the areas of property, commercial law, and the sale and purchase of businesses.



### Two NZ awards in AsiaLaw Dispute Resolution

Two New Zealand awards were presented at the 2017 AsiaLaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards in Hong Kong on 28

September. The New Zealand National Law Firm of the Year winner was Chapman Tripp. Sarah Armstrong of Russell McVeagh was winner of the New Zealand Disputes Star of the Year.

### Wynn Williams promotes staff

Wynn Williams has announced the promotion of four staff.

**Shane Campbell** has been promoted to associate in the Dispute Resolution team. After graduating LLB(Hons) from the University of Canterbury, Shane was admitted in August 2014. Before joining the firm he worked as a Judge's Clerk for the High Court.

**Josh Taylor** has been promoted to associate in the Dispute Resolution team. Josh graduated from the University of Canterbury and was admitted in 2014 before working for another Christchurch firm for three years in litigation and dispute resolution.

**Katrina Wood** has been promoted to solicitor in the Commercial Property and Projects team. Katrina was admitted in July 2017.

**Alyssa Langford** has joined the firm as a solicitor in the Resource Management and Environmental Law team. Alyssa was admitted in July 2016.



Shane Campbell



Josh Taylor



Katrina Wood



Alyssa Langford

## Do you work with young people who have broken the law?

**I'd like to hear from you if a young person you have worked with has been supported by a communication assistant/speech language therapist.**

I am a clinical psychology doctoral student and am conducting evaluative research into the new and evolving role of the communication assistant (usually a speech language therapist) in the criminal justice system. Communication assistants are being appointed in increasing numbers to support the oral language needs of young people who offend.

I would like to hear your views – the good, the bad – the impact it had on the young person, your role, and the process.

Your views as a lawyer or youth advocate are important to me.

You would take part in a one hour interview. Interviews will be audio-recorded and take place at a time and accessible location of your choosing. I am based in Auckland, but can travel to your location.

In appreciation of your time, you will receive a \$20 petrol voucher.

**If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact me via e-mail, Kelly Scott:**

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### Promotions at Treadwell Gordon

**Lisa Douglas** has been appointed to the partnership at Treadwell Gordon, heading the newly-formed litigation team. Admitted in December 1988, she has 21 years' experience from working for various Auckland and London

