

# Health Systems Law University of Otago Intensive Course GPCC500

## Health Systems Law

The University of Otago and Buddle Findlay are pleased to confirm that a post-graduate focussed course in Health Systems Law, will be held in **Wellington from 6 - 9 April 2010**.

This course is designed specifically for senior clinicians, board members, chief executives, and senior managers working in the New Zealand health sector. Enrolment is also open to post-graduate law students and practising lawyers with an interest in the field of health law.

## What to expect

The course will consist of 4 full days of intensive teaching. Each day will include lectures, case studies, and small group work, addressing the most important legal issues and challenges faced by the health sector.

Numbers are limited to allow plenty of interaction with presenters and other participants.

Participants will be expected to prepare for the course with pre-course reading, and will be assessed by examination at the end of the course.

## Who should attend?

You will benefit from this course if you are working in a senior role in the health sector. In particular, you should consider attending if you:

- Practise as a senior clinician in the New Zealand health sector (as a doctor, nurse, or other registered health practitioner) chief medical adviser, clinical director/leader
- Serve as a board member, chief executive, or senior manager of a health sector organisation (including DHBs, private hospitals, and NGOs)
- Have worked as a senior clinician or manager in an overseas jurisdiction and wish to develop your knowledge of New Zealand health law
- Are undertaking vocational training in medical administration with the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators
- Are studying towards a post-graduate qualification in health law, such as a University of Otago Masters in Bioethics and Health Law.

## Course overview (with examples of topics covered)

### Day 1 - Health systems and the law

- Understanding health laws and the principles of statutory interpretation
- Identifying statutory roles of key health sector stakeholders
- Analysing differences between no-fault compensation and tort law
- Clarifying responsibilities of boards and clinical governance committees
- Using health laws to protect communities from public health risks
- Planning, negotiating, and managing health sector contracts

### Day 2 - Health consumers and the law

- Promoting and protecting patients' rights under the Code of Rights
- Establishing the required standard of care
- Complying with the Health Information Privacy Code
- Obtaining informed consent (and understanding exceptions)
- Beginning of life decisions
- End of life decisions
- Prioritising services in a resource constrained environment

### Day 3 - Health practitioners and the law

- Obtaining registration and maintaining practising certificates
- Credentiaing health practitioners
- Conducting clinical practice investigations
- Assuring quality of care of contractors, locums, and visiting clinicians
- Managing concerns about health, competence, or conduct
- Maintaining life-preserving services during a strike
- Understanding protections of Protected Quality Assurance Activities

### Day 4 - Conflict management and good decision-making

- Complying with principles of natural justice and avoiding judicial review
- Undertaking effective consultation
- Identifying and managing conflicts of interest
- Resolving ethical dilemmas
- Responding to adverse events, and learning from service failures
- Participating in investigations, inquests, and inquiries
- Avoiding and resolving conflicts and complaints

## Presenters

The course will be taught by Dr Jonathan Coates and Dr Marie Bismark in association with senior academics from the University of Otago Faculty of Law, Professor Peter Skegg and Professor Mark Henaghan.



### **Dr Jonathan Coates, Partner**

Dr Jonathan Coates is one of New Zealand's leading health law specialists with expertise in all areas of health law. In 1999 Jonathan completed an MA in Medical Law and Medical Ethics (with distinction) at King's College, London. In 2005 he completed a PhD in health law looking at the interface between quality in health and the law.



### **Dr Marie Bismark, Senior Associate**

Dr Marie Bismark is a registered doctor and lawyer who works at the interface between law, medicine, and health policy. Marie has previously served as a legal adviser to the Health and Disability Commissioner and in 2004-05 spent a year at the Harvard School of Public Health as a Harkness Fellow. Marie serves on the Board of ACC & DRSL.



### **Iris Reuvecamp, Senior Associate**

Iris Reuvecamp has specialised in health law since 2001. While practising in the United Kingdom, Iris acted for numerous professional regulatory bodies, and advised the NHS on a wide range of matters. Iris has subsequently worked for a large DHB as Senior Legal Counsel, Iris is currently completing a Masters in Bioethics and Health Law.



### **Anita Miller, Senior Associate**

Anita Miller has experience in health related litigation, (including personal injury, negligence and Bill of Rights claims.) Coronial inquiries, obtaining treatment orders for patients, ACC appeals, HPCA Act advice and urgent injunction applications.



### **Professor Peter Skegg**

Educated at the Universities of Auckland LLB (Hons) and Oxford (MA, DPhil). Academic posts have included Official Fellow of New College, Oxford, 1971-84 and Professor of Law, University of Otago, since 1984. Administrative posts have included Chair of the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, 1980-84 and Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Otago, 1990-92.



### **Professor Mark Henaghan**

Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. Mark's research interests include family law, especially law relating to children, law regarding the human genome, and judge-made law.

## Assessment

Participants will be assessed by examination at the end of the course. The exam date is yet to be confirmed.

## Venue and dates

The venue for the course will be the Small Lecture Theatre University of Otago Wellington School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Wellington, New Zealand. The course will be held from 8.30am to 5pm, Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 April 2010.

## Enrolment

Enrolment in this course will be through the Faculty of Law, University of Otago. Enrolment will be restricted to appropriately qualified and experienced participants, who hold a degree in medicine or law, or another qualification approved by the Dean of Law.

	Date	Cost
Health Systems Law Intensive	6 - 9 April 2010	\$2,500 + GST

## Contact us

If you would like to enrol in the Health Systems Law Intensive, and receive further information about the course, please contact:

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### Enrolment

**Please fill in the registration form and fax/post to: Enrolment – Health Systems Law Intensive, Faculty of Law, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin, Fax to 03 4798855, EMAIL [law@otago.ac.nz](mailto:law@otago.ac.nz).**