

# Masterclass™ in FAMILY LAW

## DATE/TIME:

THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY  
4.30pm to 6pm

## VENUE:

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### Masterclass in Family Law with Professor Mark Henaghan

*"Disputes over relationship property are at the epicentre of family law. How they are resolved reveals the values family law is based on and shows how conflicting interests are prioritised."*  
[M. Henaghan, *New Zealand Law Review*, Part III 2018]

In this seminar Professor Henaghan examines the complex recent decision of the Supreme Court in *Scott v Williams*. This case discussed a number of important procedural matters. It also decided three significant issues of relationship property law, issues that commonly arise in property relationship cases. These include: the vesting of property in the hands of one partner, valuation of a business, and the calculation of compensation when there is a disparity of income between the parties.

In addition, our presenter reviews the Law Commission Report that was released in November 2018 that considered the *Relationship (Property) Act 1976*. One of the key proposals was that the family home should no longer be split 50:50 between the parties. What would this mean in relationship property cases and what are the merits of these proposals?

#### **About the Speaker**

Mark is the joint author of *Family Law in New Zealand*, and *Family Law Policy in New Zealand*, both published by Lexis Nexis, and *Relationships Property on Death* published by Thomson Brookers. Mark has taught family law for forty years and is currently a Professor of Law at the University of Auckland.