

LEADR NZ Board 2011–2013

The following individuals were confirmed as board members at the LEADR NZ AGM on the 4 October 2011 with the Chair and Vice Chair appointments made by the board at its first meeting held on 27 October 2011.

Mark Beech (Chair)



Mark is a partner in the Tauranga law firm Sharp Tudhope, where he heads the dispute resolutions team. He has been a member of LEADR NZ since 2000, and was Treasurer from 2005-2011. He has undertaken considerable training in mediation, including advanced mediation training through Pepperdine University School of Law in California in 2005. He mainly works as counsel in mediations but also acts as a mediator.

Anna Quinn (Vice Chair)



Anna qualified in law in 1987 and worked in a major commercial law firm for almost 10 years before moving fulltime into ADR. She is a former Executive Officer of LEADR NZ (1996-98), and has been a trainer for LEADR at its flagship five-day workshop since 1996. She has LEADR Advanced Panel status. She currently works part-time in conflict management doing training, active mediation, mentoring and other consultancy work.

Jan Avery



Jan is a specialist family lawyer and mediator in Christchurch at Corcoran French. She is also an accredited member of LEADR. Her specialist areas of legal expertise are separation, care of children, relationship property, protection of property rights, and mental health. She also is a mediator appointed by the Family Court in Christchurch to conduct mediations on its behalf.

Jon Everest



Jon is an independent mediator, trainer, assessor and coach. He is on LEADR's Advanced Panel of Mediators and is a LEADR Assessor and Coach. He is self employed as an independent mediator working mainly in workplace and family matters as well as facilitating restorative justice conferences. Jon also delivers training on negotiation and difficult conversations in the public and private sector. He formerly served as a police officer in both the UK and Hong Kong and for a number of years has been contracted as the Facilitator and Disputes Advisor to Victoria University of Wellington.



Dr Richard Goodall (Treasurer)

Richard is currently President of the Auckland Institute of Studies, St Helens and for most of his career has been involved in Universities and other tertiary institutions both teaching in accounting and business and then in senior administrative roles. His business background is as a Chartered Accountant in New Zealand, and Australia (where he had his own medium-sized practice). He has been a Fellow CPA and actively involved with a number of other professional bodies including Chartered Secretaries (NZ), NZIM, and Education New Zealand.



Annabel James

Annabel is a mediator with the Department of Labour. She has a law degree and a postgraduate Diploma in Dispute Resolution from Massey University and is a member of the LEADR Advanced Panel. She has worked previously as a lawyer, mediator, negotiator, arbitrator, investigator and dispute resolution and communication trainer.



Nina Khouri

Nina is a senior associate at Gilbert Walker, a specialist civil litigation and dispute resolution law firm in Auckland. She also teaches the upper year ADR course at the University of Auckland Faculty of Law. She holds a BA/LLB (Hons) from the University of Auckland and an LLM in ADR and International Law from New York University. In 2011/2012 Nina is working as a visiting Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Western Ontario in Canada, teaching ADR and advocacy.



Carol Powell

Carol is a highly experienced independent mediator, based in Auckland. She sits on a number of mediation panels, and coaches and trains in alternative dispute resolution (ADR). A LEADR NZ Board member for many years, she was the previous Chair. She has represented New Zealand on the LEADR Board in Australia for ten years, sits on the LEADR Accreditation Committee, and is a member of the Independent Standards Commission (ISC) of the International Mediation Institute (IMI). She is editor of the ADR section of the NZ Law Journal and the author of the NZ section of the ADR service.