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# Introducing Wynn Williams' Construction, Projects and Infrastructure Services

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# WYNN WILLIAMS



## ABOUT US

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One of the oldest law firms in Aotearoa New Zealand, for more than 164 years Wynn Williams has been known for our technical excellence, pragmatic advice and the strength of our client relationships. Our team of 27 Partners and 150+ lawyers and support staff is based across offices in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, Ōtautahi Christchurch and Tāhuna Queenstown.

The Firm prides itself on innovation of approach to legal services. We always review our instructions within a strategic and operational context to find fresh and practical ways of achieving the best outcomes for our clients: always mindful of the broader impact advice has on a client's reputation, stakeholder and community relationships.

We work collaboratively across practice areas within the Firm, providing a wrap-around approach to supporting our clients' interests. We have a reputation for not 'over-lawyering' and for simply getting the job done.

We also afford great importance to our impact outside of client matters. We work to ensure we are constantly fostering an environment where difference is embraced and diversity is championed, and that, through our social handprint, the playing field is levelled. We also work in partnership with Toitū Envirocare to ensure we deliver our services sustainably and ethically.

## CONSTRUCTION, PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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We are engaged by our clients at all stages of the construction lifecycle. Our environment and planning experts assist clients at the early stages of their projects to obtain the consents needed to get their project off the ground. Next, we provide advice around procurement and procurement strategies and are familiar with all the major standard forms. We regularly draft and negotiate construction contracts and have experience in the PPP sector. We are recognised in the market for our project support capabilities, typically working as part of a wider procurement team throughout the life of the project and including negotiations with the Crown. Our corporate and commercial experts also provide support to our clients in the construction industry on various aspects of their wider businesses, including corporate governance, general contract issues, and intellectual property. As accomplished advocates, the team consistently delivers successful outcomes for clients facing disputes over non-payment, certification, claims of defective work or design and negligence, quantum meruit, breach, termination, variations, retentions, and urgent injunctive relief where required. We often resolve disputes by way of negotiation, mediation, or arbitration. Where this is not possible, we represent our clients through the court system to a successful outcome.

## KEY PEOPLE



**Paula Nicolaou**

Partner

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Paula is well known in the construction and infrastructure sectors as a first class projects lawyer. Her reputation is a reflection of her 25 years working in the wider property sector advising government, local authority, port companies, iwi, universities, airports, DHBs, building companies, and private developers at the front end of some of the country's largest ever construction and infrastructure projects.

Paula's specialist experience extends across virtually all sectors of the industry including prisons, hospitals, airports, universities, sports facilities, roading, mining, water and wastewater, electricity and commercial and residential building.



**Josh Taylor**

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Josh is a specialist litigator. The focus of his practice includes construction, property and insolvency, but regularly handles a wide variety of commercial litigation. He typically handles high value and complex matters and appears in hearings and trials at all levels of the New Zealand judicial system as well as in arbitrations, mediations, and adjudications.

Josh's reputation as an accomplished advocate is a reflection of his understanding of his clients' ultimate objectives and the ensuing strategic and uncompromised advice he provides. He acts for principals, head contractors, subcontractors, and professionals in the construction industry.



**Charlene Sell**

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Charlene has vast experience in commercial contracting, including preparing and advising on contracts for goods and services, terms of trade, supply agreements, and intellectual property licensing arrangements. She is known for her solution-oriented approach to drafting and negotiating contracts and ensuring they are fit for purpose and user-friendly.

Charlene also assists businesses with broader legal issues, including gaining brand protection and registration of intellectual property, assisting clients as they grow and downsize - particularly in relation to the effect on employees, client/supplier arrangements and bank financing, as well as helping business owners protect their personal assets from business risks.

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**Danita Ferreira**  
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Danita advises clients on a broad range of corporate and commercial matters. Her focus is mergers and acquisitions, business restructuring, corporate governance and commercial contracting. Within this realm, she advises clients around shareholder arrangements, joint venture opportunities, capital raising and day-to-day commercial contracting needs.

Her clients range from start-ups through to multi-national corporates across a variety of sectors. Clients appreciate Danita's approach to commercial advice, which is pragmatic and always considers a business' future goals, whether that be an ultimate exit or growth strategy.



**Phil Maw**  
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Philip is widely recognised for his expert advice in relation to natural resource, environment and local government law.

He works for both local authorities and developers. This means that he understands the complexities associated with achieving strategic outcomes within the confines of the law better than many. He also well understands the importance of building relationships with key stakeholders. He advises on all stages of plan development, resource consenting, judicial review and declaration proceedings; including advising on private plan change requests.



**Lucy de Latour**  
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Lucy is a partner in Wynn Williams' environment and planning team. She specialises in environment and planning and local government law.

Lucy's work experience includes significant experience in the energy, retail, commercial, hotel, industrial, residential and infrastructure sectors.

Lucy is exceptionally well versed in district and regional planning processes, resource consent applications, resource management related law reform and local government legislation (including development contributions and rating).

