

FMA Member Bios - Out of the Box Tour



Romil is originally from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada and is Chartered Professional Accountant. He is the Head of Financial Advice Team at the FMA, overseeing the implementation of FSLAA and ongoing monitoring of Financial Advice regulation in New Zealand.

Romil has been with the FMA for five years, and previously worked for Deloitte in both New Zealand and Canada, focusing on financial services compliance and operational risk consulting. He also spent three years at the Canadian Housing Regulator, leading reviews of the insured mortgage industry.

Romil Ghelani

Head of Financial Advice
Financial Markets Authority



Andy leads the Auckland Financial Advice Team, which is overseeing the implementation of the New Regime for Financial Advice in New Zealand, it came into force on 15 March 2021.

Andy has been with the FMA for seven years, and previously worked at ASB for 12 years. During his time at ASB he worked in various roles in the capital markets and was an NZX Associate Adviser.

Andy Crow

Manager, Financial Advice
Financial Markets Authority



Prior to joining the FMA, Russell worked in the financial advice sector, including business development roles in funds management and KiwiSaver, and assisting financial advisers with the transition to the new financial advice regime.

Rusell Moala-Mafi

Senior Adviser, Financial Advice
Financial Markets Authority

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Anita Frazer

Head of Licensing & Regulatory Services
Financial Markets Authority

Anita leads the team responsible for assessing and granting licences at the FMA and was instrumental in developing the online application experience for financial advice provider licensing.

Current projects include developing similar systems for Financial Institution licensing and Regulatory Returns. Anita joined the FMA 11 years ago after working in the aviation industry for several years.



Chris Revell

Manager, Licensing
Financial Markets Authority

Chris is a qualified mortgage adviser from the UK and started his career in financial services soon after graduating from university in 2008. Having worked in a variety of roles for a wide range of entities in the UK, he moved to New Zealand in 2015 and started working for the FMA.

As Manager, Licensing his day-to-day responsibilities revolve around providing FMA licensing services, a major focus of his recent work was designing and implementing the licensing process for Financial Advice Providers.



John Itoh

Senior Adviser, Financial Advice
Financial Markets Authority

John is originally from the Philippines where he was a Certified Public Accountant and a Lawyer. He is part of the Financial Advice Team at the FMA, overseeing the implementation of the New Regime for Financial Advice in New Zealand.

John previously worked for PwC New Zealand, auditing financial service entities. Prior to that, he spent ten years as a corporate tax lawyer in the Philippines.

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Prior to joining the FMA Dhasha held roles within the government and banking sectors in NZ. She has held management and senior advisory positions at MBIE and MSD. She has also held leadership and project management roles at Westpac and BNZ.

Dhasha has a background in project management and risk management. She is the Lead for the FAP Regulatory Returns Project at the FMA.

Dhasha Ratnayaka

Senior Adviser, Financial Advice
Financial Markets Authority



Ross has worked at the FMA for 16 months in the role of Senior Adviser specialising in financial advice, within the FMA's Regulator Delivery function. One of the key activities Ross is involved in is monitoring licensed FAPs and their advisers against their various obligations now that the new financial advice regime is underway.

Prior to joining the FMA, Ross worked as an auditor at PwC, predominantly working on clients within the financial services industry. Ross is also a member of CA ANZ.

Ross Skilton

Senior Adviser, Financial Advice
Financial Markets Authority



Kirsty has been at the FMA for 7 years starting as an adviser in the regulatory services team. She now holds the position of Senior Adviser in Regulatory Services.

Prior to joining the FMA, Kirsty worked in Insurance and Private Banking sector in the UK.

Kirsty McKenzie

Senior Adviser Compliance Services
Financial Markets Authority

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Chris has been at the FMA and in the Licensing Team for almost 9 years. Chris is an integral part of the Licensing Team and plays a crucial role in the development and implementation of licensing processes for the FMA.

Chris Mangan

Principal Adviser, Licensing
Financial Markets Authority