

Allegiance and the Judicial Oath as prescribed by Parliament in the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957. These Oaths will be taken in English and Māori.

The Oath of Allegiance is administered first:

I, Helen Diana Winkelmann, swear that I will be faithful to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God."

This will be followed by the Judicial Oath:

I, Helen Diana Winkelmann, swear that I will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors, according to law, in the office of Chief Justice; and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of New Zealand, without fear or favour, affection or ill will. So help me God.

Speeches of acknowledgment and welcome will then be made by Justice William Young and then by the Attorney General, on behalf of the Crown, and the Presidents of the Law Society and Bar Association on behalf of the legal profession.

Auckland City Missioner, Chris Farrelly has been invited to speak on behalf of the community.

The final address will be delivered by the new Chief Justice.



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Swearing in Ceremonial Sitting

The Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann

Chief Justice of New Zealand

**Supreme Court of New Zealand
Te Kōti Mana Nui**

Thursday 14 March 2019 at 11.00am

Presiding Judges:

**The Rt Hon Justice Winkelmann, The Hon William Young, The Hon Justice O'Regan,
The Hon Justice Ellen France, The Hon Justice Arnold**

FORM OF CEREMONY

**Registrar opens the court
Judges enter**

**Welcome by Te Āti Awa, as mana whenua
Represented by Alishia Moeahu and Kura Moeahu
Supported by Te Roopu Mananui**

**Response by Rikirangi Gage (Te Whānau-a-Apanui and Ngāti Porou)
on behalf of Justice Winkelmann and the Winkelmann whanau**

**Registrar announces business of the Court
Appearances from Queen's Counsel taken**

**The Administration of the Oaths
The Hon Justice William Young administers the Judicial Oath
The Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann takes the Oath of Office
The Hon Justice William Young witnesses the Oath of Office**

Welcome Address by The Hon Justice William Young

**Address by The Hon David Parker
Attorney-General**

**Address by Kathryn Beck
President of the New Zealand Law Society**

**Address by Kate Davenport QC
President of the New Zealand Bar Association**

**Address by Chris Farrelly
Auckland City Missioner**

**Address by The Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann
Chief Justice of New Zealand**

**Court adjourns
Refreshments**

The ceremony will be simultaneously translated by Karena Kelly and signed by Alan Wendt and Melissa Sutton.

About the ceremony

This special sitting of the Supreme Court, Te Kōti Mana Nui, is to mark and recognise the appointment of The Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann to be the Chief Justice of New Zealand and to administer, and witness, the oaths of office she must make before commencing her duties in that role.

It is also the occasion on which the new Chief Justice is formally acknowledged, and welcomed, by the Crown as the head of the independent third branch of the government, and by her fellow judges and by representatives of the profession. Equally important, this event is an opportunity for Justice Winkelmann to be welcomed into this role of service by the community.

The ceremony has been designed to fulfil each of these functions in a way which reflects our country's unique traditions, conditions and history, in keeping with Parliament's objectives in establishing the Supreme Court as New Zealand's final Court of Appeal in 2004.

The ceremony melds the formal procedures by which newly appointed judges have been welcomed to the bench and how manuhiri (visitors) have been welcomed onto marae. In both cases these procedures are centuries old.

Responsibility for first welcoming the new Chief Justice on behalf of the people of New Zealand rests with Te Āti Awa, mana whenua of Te Whanganui-a-Tara (the Wellington region) and therefore the land on which the Supreme Court sits. Integral to this ceremony will be the exchange of breath, or hongī, between the Judges of the Supreme Court and representatives of the iwi.

In a powerful symbolic gesture, the Registrar of the court will pass the mauri, or authority, of the court house to the mana whenua who must, as required by tikanga Māori, lead the Māori elements of the ceremony. The words uttered by the Registrar, "Te Āti Awa kei a koe te mauri o te whare, are translated as "Te Āti Awa you have the life force of the house."

Rikirangi Gage, (Te Whānau ā Apanui and Ngāti Porou) who has Winkelmann whakapapa on his mother's side, will then respond on behalf of the Chief Justice and the Winkelmann whanau. The mauri of the house will then be returned to the Court.

At this point the Supreme Court's most senior Judge, Justice William Young, will ask Queen's Counsel for their appearances. He will then administer the Oath of