

Hon Christopher Finlayson

Attorney-General

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Media Statement

New Court of Appeal Judge appointed

The Honourable Justice Douglas White has been appointed a Judge of the Court of Appeal, Attorney-General Christopher Finlayson announced today..

Justice White, a graduate of Victoria University of Wellington, joined Young Bennett & Co after a stint working for the Law Commission in London. He later became a partner of that firm and then Young Swan Morison McKay (now Kensington Swan). He commenced practice as a barrister in 1986 and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1988. He was appointed a Judge of the High Court, based in Auckland, in 2009.

As a barrister, Justice White's principal area of practice was civil litigation with an emphasis on administrative, commercial and taxation law. He also conducted three Government inquiries and provided legal advice to the Commission of Inquiry into Police Conduct.

The appointment will take effect from 1 February 2012.

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