

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BENCH OF THE HIGH COURT**

To be appointed to the High Court as a Judge or Associate Judge you must have held a New Zealand practising certificate as a barrister or solicitor for at least seven years: s 94 Senior Courts Act. In addition, in accordance with the criteria for appointment set out in the Attorney-General's published protocol, appointments are made considering personal and legal skills and experience, along with their character, and their experience and understanding of the communities they will serve as judges.

This form provides an opportunity to highlight experience; a more extensive work and personal history should be contained in a curriculum vitae that addresses all the criteria in the published protocol. Use additional pages to respond more fully on any part of this form if need be.

Personal details

Full name _____

Full postal address *(the address to which mail should be sent)*

Telephone _____

Email _____

Do not supply any contact details that you do not wish to have used.

Date of birth _____
Day Month Year

The following information is gathered for statistical purposes.

Are you ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Gender Diverse, please specify: _____

Are you a New Zealand Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please specify your citizenship: _____

Ethnicity:

☐ NZ European ☐ Māori. Iwi, please state: _____

☐ Samoan ☐ Cook Islands Māori ☐ Tonga

☐ Niuean ☐ Chinese ☐ Indian

☐ Other, e.g., Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan. Please state: _____

Tick as many as you need to show to which ethnic group(s) you belong.

Work history

Date of admission in New Zealand _____

Please provide here a brief description of your overall experience, for example, areas of law in which you have worked. Provide full details of employers, dates of employment, your positions, areas of work, periods of partnership and self-employment in your curriculum vitae. If you have experience as a litigator, please detail that experience including courts you have appeared in and nature and extent of experience.

Please provide any information about any non-legal work experience that could be relevant to this expression of interest.

Please give highlights of your career whether legal or non-legal. For example, significant reported decisions or personal achievements that indicate your suitability for appointment.

Professional memberships

Professional bodies, legal and non-legal, you belong to. Indicate if you have held office.

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Office/s held</i>	<i>Years</i>
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Pro-bono activities:

Please provide any information about any pro-bono legal work you have been involved in.

Community and civic activities

Please give details (including any offices you have held) of your involvement with any community groups and activities in both your professional and personal capacity.

Respect for the community

The Attorney-General is committed to appointing a judiciary that respects and understands the diverse community it serves. Please provide any information about yourself that you feel may assist in this objective, including life experience that indicates suitability.

Language and cultural competency

Do you have any knowledge or experience of the operation of tikanga Māori? What is your knowledge of te reo Māori? Do you have competence in any language other than English and te reo Māori? Do you feel comfortable relating to cultures other than your own? Please provide details.

Public statements and social media

Consider if your social media and other public statements would reflect well on the judiciary. What are the social media platforms (if any) you use and what are the profile names (if any) you use?

Education

Academic qualifications and attainments

<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Year completed – or ongoing</i>
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Publications and news articles

Please list any published or public works which may be relevant. This can include both works of a legal and non-legal nature.

Teaching and continuing education

Please list all legal or judicial educational organisations and activities you have been involved with, either from a teaching or learning perspective.

Personal suitability and integrity

The character of the applicant is a factor which weighs heavily in the appointment process. For that reason, once a person is invited to be considered for appointment, they are asked to make further disclosures through a declaration. That declaration seeks considerable detailed personal information about the person's character, personal and business finances, regulatory or conduct (or other) complaints and how they were resolved, criminal record, state of health etc. This information is only sought at the end of the process. It is closely and confidentially held. It will be provided to the Chief Justice and the Attorney-General to enable the Attorney-General to make final appointment decisions.

Why do you want to be a Judge of the High Court?

Why do you want to be a Judge or Associate Judge of the High Court?

Timeliness and efficiency

Judges must be able to make decisions and write judgments in a timely manner. How does your experience demonstrate that you have the skills to deliver?

Judicial temperament

What does a judicial temperament mean for you and in what way can you demonstrate it?

How has your experience, both professional and personal, illustrated your commitment to service and access to justice?

Referees

Please list professional referees here, and tick if you consent to them being contacted.

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Appointment

Please specify the role to which you think your skills are best suited:

☐ Judge of the High Court

☐ Associate Judge of the High Court

Please specify the location(s) in which you are willing to reside:

☐ Auckland

☐ Christchurch

☐ Wellington

Consent

I understand and consent to my Expression of Interest form, my curriculum vitae and any other material supplied being held by the Attorney-General's Judicial Appointments Unit and being used to assess whether I may be appointed to the High Court Bench. Personal details may also be anonymously retained on file for judicial and/or Ministry research purposes.

I consent to my name being passed to the President of the New Zealand Law Society as part of the consultation process and I understand that the President may in turn consult, on a confidential basis, Presidents of relevant District Law Societies and/or respected and trustworthy practitioners.

I consent to my name being passed to the Chief Justice, Chief High Court Judge or the President of the Court of Appeal and others deemed appropriate by them, or by the Attorney-General or Solicitor-General as part of the consultation process.

I understand that my Expression of Interest form, my curriculum vitae, and any other material supplied and held by the Attorney-General's Judicial Appointments Unit may be referred to by the Chief Justice, Attorney-General or Solicitor-General if, and after, I have been appointed to the High Court Bench, for judicial administrative purposes.

Signature

Date

Please mark your expression of interest 'Confidential' and address it to:

The Attorney-General's Judicial Appointments Unit

SX 10088

WELLINGTON

Ph: 04 473 3890 or 0800 473 389

Fax: 04 473 3891 Email judicialappointments@justice.govt.nz

Information provided pursuant to the Privacy Act 1993

Under the terms of the Privacy Act 1993, we are required to inform you that:

The information you have provided is being collected for the purpose of filling a position as a Judge or an Associate Judge of the High Court and is needed to assess your suitability to fill that position. The information may be checked by reference to those persons listed above.

You have rights of access to the information held about yourself and you have the right to request corrections to this information; however, comments made by other people about your suitability may not be available if these people have been promised that their comments will be treated confidentially. This will often be the case.

The information may be used for judicial administrative purposes by, for example, the Chief Justice, if you are appointed.

The information will be kept for as long as it is required for the purposes for which it has been obtained.