



The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW ZEALAND | TE TUMU WHAKAWĀ O AOTEAROA

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## MEDIA STATEMENT

# Chief Justice welcomes judicial appointment

The Chief Justice welcomes the Attorney-General's announcement today of the appointment of Auckland lawyer Liz Gellert as an Associate Judge of the High Court.

Associate Judge Gellert will take up her appointment on 21 July 2025, and will sit in Auckland. She will be sworn in on Friday 1 August 2025 at the Auckland High Court.

### BIOGRAPHY

#### **Associate Judge Liz Gellert**

Associate Judge Gellert graduated from the University of Auckland in 2003 with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts. She was a Law Clerk with David Williams KC before joining Russell McVeagh's general commercial litigation team in 2004.

Associate Judge Gellert joined Simpson Grierson as an Associate in 2007, becoming a Senior Associate in 2008, specialising in banking and finance litigation.

She joined ASB Bank Limited as Head of Disputes and Corporate Advisory, Legal Services, in 2017, and spent a period as Acting General Manager, Legal Services, during 2020 and 2021.

Since 2021 Associate Judge Gellert has been a litigation partner with Lowndes Jordan in Auckland, with a general commercial litigation practice focusing on general commercial litigation, insolvency, debt recovery, enforcement, regulatory advice, and maritime law.

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