



The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW ZEALAND | TE TUMU WHAKAWĀ O AOTEAROA

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MEDIA RELEASE

Court arrangements – from Friday 11 November 2022

The Chief Justice advised today that from 4pm on Friday 11 November, as a result of industrial action by Public Service Association (PSA) members in courthouses, there will be changes to timings in courts' daily schedules.

The PSA has notified the Ministry of Justice that its members have voted for “work to rule” industrial action, with aligned breaks for morning and afternoon tea and lunchtime. The breaks indicated in the action are two 10-minute breaks at 10.30am and 3pm, and an hour's lunch break at 12.30.

This will affect the timing of morning, lunchtime and afternoon adjournments in courts, as well as the final adjournment for the day. There will be variations between courts as to how this affects the court schedule in practice – members of the public can contact 0800 COURTS for more information.

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