



The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW ZEALAND | TE TUMU WHAKAWĀ O AOTEAROA

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## STATEMENT TO THE PROFESSION

# 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.

Court adjournments will be adjusted to align with these breaks. There will be variations between courts as to how this affects the court schedule in practice.

PSA members must leave court premises at 5pm, so will begin clearing the court ahead of that time in order to achieve this. This means that courts will adjourn in time for this to happen, beginning today.

Members of the profession should contact individual registries for more information about a particular court.

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