



THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA

14 December 2020

Notification of changes to the commercial panel

The commercial panel of the High Court was established under s 19, Senior Courts Act 2016 (the Act) and the Senior Courts (High Court Commercial Panel) Order 2017. It has been in operation since 1 September 2017.

The retirement of Dobson J necessitates a review of membership of the commercial panel. Notably there is no Christchurch based judge on the panel. I therefore assign Osborne J to the panel under s 19(4) of the Act.

All appointments are for three years. Panel judges continue to carry out the full range of High Court work (other civil work, criminal work and appeals) in addition to their assigned cases.

The full list of judges currently assigned to the commercial panel is Justices Thomas, Venning, France, Lang, Mallon, Wylie, Ellis, Peters, Katz, Muir, Fitzgerald, Jagose and Osborne.

Hon Justice Susan Thomas
Chief High Court Judge – Te Kaiwhakawā Matua