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MEDIA STATEMENT

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New protocols for remote participation and viewing in senior court hearings published on Courts of NZ

The profession is advised that two new protocols were published on the Courts of New Zealand website at 3pm today:

1. Protocol for Participation in Virtual Hearings (which replaces the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Remote Hearings Protocol and the High Court Remote Hearings Protocol). This protocol sets out the ground rules for hearings in respect of which counsel or self-represented parties are permitted to participate remotely using videoconferencing technology.
2. Protocol for Remote Viewing of Hearings. This protocol applies where the Court has made a direction allowing remote viewing of a hearing, using videoconferencing technology.

Both protocols apply to the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and the High Court. They can be found on the Courts of New Zealand website [here](#).

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