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Advisory from the Honourable Justice Venning, Chief Judge of the High Court, and Judge Heemi Taumaunu, Chief District Court Judge.

2020 Court of Trial Protocol

The Chief Judges of the High and District Courts of New Zealand have a statutory obligation to establish a Court of Trial Protocol.¹

The Protocol lists the classes of offence for which a High Court decision is required as to the court in which the defendant will be tried.

The latest revision of the Court of Trial Protocol has been gazetted and will come into force on 1 February 2020.

The 2020 Protocol inserts the following offences into class 1:

Contempt of Court Act 2019

<i>Section</i>	<i>Offence</i>
Section 7(2)	Publication of criminal trial information where proceedings were held in the High Court
Section 14(1)	Disclosure etc of jury deliberations where proceedings were held in the High Court

The 2020 Court of Trial Protocol can be found at <http://www.courtsfnz.govt.nz/the-courts/high-court/legislation>

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¹ [S 66 Criminal Procedure Act 2011](#)