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**Advisory from the Honourable Justice Venning, Chief Judge of the High Court, and Judge Jan-Marie Doogue, Chief District Court Judge.**

### **2019 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.<sup>1</sup>

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 2019.

The 2019 Protocol:

- Amends the reference to s 179 Crimes Act to s 179(1) Crimes Act 1961
- Replaces the reference to s 209(1A) Customs and Excise Act 1996 with a reference to s 390 Customs and Excise Act 2018.

The 2019 Court of Trial Protocol can be found at <http://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/high-court/legislation>

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<sup>1</sup> [S 66 Criminal Procedure Act 2011](#)