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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.**

### **2017 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 29 May 2017.

The 2017 Protocol makes changes to class 1 of the 2016 Protocol:

- Two Crimes Act 1961 corruption offences are added – ss 105E and 105F.
- Seven Secret Commissions Act 1910 corruption offences are added (ss 3 – 9)
- Section 377 Companies Act 1993 has been added to replace a similar provision about false statements in the repealed Financial Reporting Act 1993
- Offences under the repealed Securities Act 1978 and Securities Markets Act 1988 are removed.

The 2017 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](#)