



The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW ZEALAND | TE TUMU WHAKAWĀ O AOTEAROA

## MEDIA STATEMENT

18 December 2020

The Chief Justice is pleased to announce the appointment of three acting judges of the High Court. These appointments are made by the Governor General acting on the advice of the Attorney General. They are for a period of two years effective 1 February 2021.

The acting judges are: Hon Justice Kit Toogood, Hon Justice David Gendall and the Hon Justice Gerald Nation.

Before his retirement in August 2019, Justice Toogood sat as a High Court judge in Auckland. Justices Gendall and Nation sit in the High Court at Christchurch. They were both due to retire in January 2021 but will now continue serving the court for a further two years as acting judges.

The appointments have been made to assist the courts' response to the immediate and anticipated impacts of COVID-19 on the courts' workload.

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