

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BENCH OF THE DISTRICT COURT**

Section 15 of the District Court Act 2016 specifies that no person shall be appointed a Judge unless they have held a practising certificate as a barrister or solicitor for at least seven years.

Personal details

Full name _____

Full postal address *(the address to which mail should be sent)*

Contact telephone no. _____ **Mob** _____

Email _____

Do not supply any contact details that you do not wish to have used.

Date of birth _____
Day **Month** **Year**

The following information is gathered for statistical purposes.

Are you Male Female

Are you a New Zealand Citizen? Yes No

If not, please specify your citizenship: _____

Ethnicity:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NZ Māori | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> NZ European or Pākehā |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other European – which of these groups: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Island Māori | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please state ethnic group | <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan | | <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch <input type="checkbox"/> Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Niuean | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Australian |

Iwi _____

Tick as many as you need to show to which ethnic group(s) you belong.

Tertiary qualifications

Qualification Institution Country Years Year completed – or ongoing

Work history

Date of admission in New Zealand _____

Legal practice: please state where you have practised (include any overseas jurisdictions) and in what capacity:

Please indicate, by ticking the boxes, the extent of your experience, both civil and criminal, in the following:

<i>Court</i>	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	<i>Details, including number of appearances</i>
Supreme Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Court of Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

<i>Court</i>	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	<i>Details, including total years' experience</i>
High Court Appellant work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
High Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
District Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

	<i>Total</i>	
Family Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Youth Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Environment Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Employment Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Māori Land Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tribunals (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Please give highlights of your career whether legal or non legal. For example, your involvement in major cases and reported decisions. A more detailed outline of your work experience should be included in your curriculum vitae.

Please specify which legal professional bodies you belong to.

Please indicate whether you have been an office holder of any legal professional body.

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Office/s held</i>	<i>Years</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Publications

Please list any major published works of a legal nature.

Community activities

Please give details (including any offices you have held) of your involvement with any community groups and activities.

Appointment

Specify the Courts to which you think your skills are best suited.

- District Court Judge
- District Court Judge with Jury Warrant
- District Court Judge with a Family Warrant
- Environment Court Judge

In which district court jurisdiction are you willing to be resident?

- All
- Auckland
- Christchurch
- Dunedin
- Gisborne
- Hamilton
- Invercargill
- Palmerston North
- Napier
- Nelson
- New Plymouth
- Rotorua
- Tauranga
- Whanganui
- Whangarei
- Wellington

Referees

Please provide the names of at least three respected and trustworthy practitioners to act as referees. They should be familiar with your legal work and be able to assess your standing in the legal profession. You may also provide any number of other referees.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Practice or organisation</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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Other material

This expression of interest is designed to elicit non-evaluative information that can be summarised. If you do not have enough space for your answers, please continue on a separate sheet of paper.

You are also required to provide a curriculum vitae which should demonstrate that your abilities meet the qualities required of a District Court Judge, and the particular qualities you personally will contribute to the bench of the District Court.

Please mark your expression of interest 'Confidential' and address it to:

The Attorney-General's Judicial Appointments Unit
SX 10088
WELLINGTON

Ph: 04 473 3890 or 0800 473 389
Fax: 04 473 3891
Email: judicialappointments@justice.govt.nz

STATUTORY DECLARATION AND AUTHORISATION

I _____
(full name - first or given names and family or surname)

of _____
(full residential address)

(occupation)

solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- I have not been convicted of any criminal offences (*for these purposes do not count any infringement offences, e.g., parking or speeding offences, as they do not result in a conviction being entered against you*) OR
- I have been convicted of the following criminal offences (*do not count infringement offences, see above*)

- I have not been the subject of any disciplinary action by any District Law Society or by the New Zealand Law Society or an equivalent overseas body, nor are there any unresolved complaints against me OR
- Details of disciplinary action or unresolved complaints against me are as follows:

- I have not been made bankrupt, entered into a composition with my creditors, or been disqualified as a director.
- I have not had any judgment entered against me. (*No answer is required if the sum awarded was less than \$12,500*).
- I have never had proceedings brought against me in relation to tax defaults.
- I do not have any tax owing which should have been already paid.
(*Delete whichever of the above statements do not apply*).

I understand and consent to my Expression of Interest form, my curriculum vitae and any other material supplied being held by the Attorney-General's Judicial Appointments Unit and being used to assess whether I may be appointed to the District Court bench.

I consent to my name being passed to the President of the New Zealand Law Society as part of the consultation process and I understand that the President may in turn consult, on a confidential basis, with respected and trustworthy practitioners. I understand that my Expression of Interest form, my curriculum vitae, and any other material supplied and held by the Attorney-General's Appointments Unit may be referred to by the Chief Justice and/or the Chief Judge if, and after, I have been appointed to the District Court bench, for judicial administrative purposes.

I also acknowledge that before any appointment is made I will be required to provide a health certificate from a medical practitioner.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature

Declared at _____ this _____ day of _____ 20____

Person authorised to take Statutory Declaration