



From the Chief High Court Judge | Te Kaiwhakawā Matua o te Kōti Matua o Aotearoa
The Honourable Justice Sally Fitzgerald

and

The Chief Judge of the District Court of New Zealand | Te Kaiwhakawā Matua o te Kōti-a-Rohe o Aotearoa
Judge Heemi Taumaunu

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MEDIA STATEMENT

Historic High Court and District Court practice notes revoked

The Chief High Court Judge and the Chief District Court Judge have today jointly revoked a number of historic practice notes in the High Court and District Court.

The practice notes have since been superseded, including by legislative change (for example, the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 and the Criminal Procedure Rules 2012). The practice notes related to historic practices in the criminal jurisdiction of the High Court and District Court.

High Court

The following practice notes in relation to the High Court have been revoked:

- PN 1 – Use of Hypothetical Questions in Cross-Examination (1985)
- PN 2 – Notes of Evidence – Official Record (1991)
- PN 4 – Criminal Jury Trials Caseflow Management High Court (1995)
- PN 5 – High Court Bail Applications and Appeals (1997)
- PN 10 – Civil Caseflow Management in High Court Appeals from the District Court (2003)
- PN 11 – High Court Practice Note Criminal Appeals to the High Court (2003)

High Court and District Court

The following practice notes in relation to both the High Court and the District Court have been revoked:

- PN 3 – Forms of Indictment – Particulars of Sexual Offending (1994)
- PN 7 – Sentencing (2003)
- PN 14 – Pre-Trial Applications in High Court and District Court Criminal Jury Cases (2007)

District Court

The following practice notes in relation to the District Court have been revoked:

- PN 9 – Bail Practice Note (2002)
- PN 15 – Practice Note on District Court Criminal Jury Trials (2007)
- PN – Preliminary Hearings (2008)

- PN 17 – Committal Procedure in the District Court (2009)
- PN 18 – Committal Procedure in the Youth Court (Purely Indictable Offences or Where Jury Trial Elected) (2009)

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