

New Family Court judge appointed

Attorney-General David Parker [announced](#) yesterday that Dunedin family law barrister Melinda Broek has been appointed a District Court judge with a Family Court warrant and will sit in Rotorua. Judge Broek will be sworn in on 23 June in Dunedin. The FLS warmly congratulates Judge Broek on her appointment.

Oranga Tamariki escalation list

Just a reminder to members that if issues in relation to Oranga Tamariki need to be escalated, this can occur through the following legal managers:

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Family Court under level 2

You will all now be aware of the level 2 [protocol](#) issued on 13 May in respect of how the Family Court will operate under level 2. We encourage members, to ensure the court are advised of any up-to-date instructions and where possible, to file joint memoranda. This will assist the court with scheduling matters and also limit the number of physical appearances to those that are absolutely necessary.

Updated FAQs

The [FAQs](#), available on the FLS website have been updated with information on how the Family Court will operate under level 2.

Family Advocate

Advocate editor, Dr Allan Cooke, encourages members to think about writing an article for future editions of *Family Advocate*. If you are interested in contributing in this way, please email Allan directly at allan@quadrantchambers.co.nz

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