

Family Court Judge appointed

The Attorney-General yesterday [appointed](#) Dunedin barrister Jo Hambleton as a District Court Judge with a Family Court warrant to be based in Christchurch.

Jo is a long term FLS member, has previously served in the role of regional representative for Otago and is currently the Otago Branch President of the New Zealand Law Society.

Jo's first role was as a solicitor and associate solicitor with Preston Russell in Invercargill from 1999 to 2004 before a short period of time as an associate solicitor at Macalisters, Invercargill. Between 2005 and 2006 she worked briefly as an associate solicitor at Wilkinson Rogers and from 2006 to 2015 at Galloway Cook Allan in Dunedin. In 2016 she became an associate at O'Neill Deveraux, Dunedin before commencing practice as a barrister in early 2020.

Judge Hambleton will be sworn in on 15 February 2021.

We warmly congratulate Jo on her appointment to the bench and wish her the very best in her new role.

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FLS Chair

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