



Te Tari Ture o te Karauna Crown Law

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APPOINTMENT OF CROWN SOLICITOR TO THE CHRISTCHURCH WARRANT

The Solicitor-General Una Jagose KC today announced the appointment of Barnaby Hawes, supported by the firm Raymond Donnelly, as the Crown Solicitor for Christchurch.

Mr Hawes is currently the Acting Crown Solicitor for Christchurch and will replace Mark Zarifeh who, having held the warrant since 2016, resigned as Crown Solicitor in September 2022 (effective 6 December 2022).

Mr Hawes began practising law in Rotorua in 2000 gaining experience in family law, criminal law (as defence counsel), Youth Court work, and general practice. In 2004, Mr Hawes travelled to London and worked as a prosecutor for the London Borough of Havering. He was enrolled as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of England and Wales. He returned to Ōtautahi in mid-2006 after accepting a position with Raymond Donnelly. He has been with the firm continuously since then (aside from secondments at Meredith Connell and the Serious Fraud Office in 2011 following the Christchurch earthquakes).

Mr Hawes has prosecuted thousands of cases, including hundreds of jury trials. He has demonstrated experience handling cases of considerable public interest, including the prosecution arising out the Christchurch terror attacks.

“Barnaby is acutely aware of the responsibilities afforded to Crown Solicitors and the considerable level of trust placed in them by me”, says Una Jagose KC, the Solicitor-General, who is responsible for recommending Mr Hawes’ appointment to the Christchurch warrant.

“He is a highly respected prosecutor with exceptional lawyering and advocacy skills. His calm, thoughtful, and approachable demeanour exemplify the mana expected of a Crown Solicitor. He is a well-regarded leader who commands respect without being overbearing and has consistently earned high praise from colleagues, the judiciary, and other stakeholders. As a representative of the Crown, he recognises the need to reflect the values of the Solicitor-General when exercising this important public function. In doing so he will be conscious of the Crown’s obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi where that is appropriate.”

The appointment will take effect from 8 May 2023.

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