



## **Te Tari Ture o te Karauna** Crown Law

**18 September 2023**

### **APPOINTMENT OF CROWN SOLICITOR TO THE ROTORUA WARRANT**

Following an open appointment process, the Solicitor-General Una Jagose KC today announced the re-appointment of Amanda Gordon, supported by the firm Gordon & Pilditch, as the Crown Solicitor for Rotorua.

Ms Gordon began practising law in Rotorua in 1996, initially gaining experience in civil and commercial litigation, as well as criminal legal aid work. From 1999 until 2005, Ms Gordon was employed at Davys Burton, where she undertook civil litigation and Crown criminal prosecutions. In 2005, Ms Gordon left Davys Burton to establish Gordon & Pilditch where – from January 2006 until her appointment as Crown Solicitor in 2013 – she was a partner alongside Fletcher Pilditch KC (the former Rotorua Crown Solicitor).

Following Mr Pilditch KC's resignation in 2013, Ms Gordon was appointed Crown Solicitor for Rotorua. She has conducted hundreds of trials in Rotorua's District and High Courts, including numerous high profile homicide trials and New Zealand's only prosecution for sabotage. She also routinely appears in the Rotorua Youth Court and Te Kooti Rangatahi.

"Ms Gordon's reappointment as Crown Solicitor for Rotorua is the first Crown Solicitor appointment following completion of the initial ten-year tenure introduced for Crown Solicitors in 2013", says Una Jagose KC, who is responsible for recommending Ms Gordon's reappointment.

"Ms Gordon and Gordon & Pilditch consistently provide exceptional service to the Crown. Her pragmatic style, commitment to high legal standards, and general willingness to assist people are some of her key strengths as Crown Solicitor. As the incumbent Crown Solicitor for Rotorua, she has extensive criminal prosecution experience and is an exceptional advocate. She is a respected leader and earned universal endorsement from the many stakeholders we consulted throughout the appointment process."

The appointment will take effect from 18 September 2023.

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