

**14 October 2025**

**Media statement from the Solicitor-General about her decision to step down from the role**

The Attorney-General [has today announced](#) that the Solicitor-General, Una Jagose KC, will step down from her role in February 2026 after ten years of service.

“Serving as Solicitor-General is an extraordinary privilege and experience. The people of Crown Law and the legal networks are hardworking and dedicated. The legal work is unparalleled. Ten years is the right time to leave this aspect of the law and take the next step in my career. Until then I continue to bring my full commitment to the role,” says Ms Jagose.

The Solicitor-General is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Attorney-General. Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission will conduct the recruitment process for a new Solicitor-General.

**About Una Jagose KC**

Una Jagose studied law at the University of Otago, followed by an LLM at Victoria University of Wellington. She joined Crown Law in 2002 as a Crown Counsel, being appointed as Deputy Solicitor-General in 2012. She stepped away from Crown Law in 2015 to serve as Acting Director of the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB).

Following the resignation of Michael Heron KC as Solicitor-General, Ms Jagose was appointed Solicitor-General on the recommendation of the Attorney-General, Christopher Finlayson KC. She was then made a King’s Counsel in 2017. Ms Jagose has been recognised with a Westpac Woman of Influence Award in the Public Policy Category in 2020 and in 2023 she was recognised as an Alumni of Distinction from Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington.

**What is the process for appointing a new Solicitor-General?**

Te Kawa Mataaho The Public Service Commission (PSC) will oversee the recruitment process. The Solicitor-General is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Attorney-General.

Questions about the appointment process should be directed to PSC.

**Contact:**

Elizabeth Underhill, Media Advisor

[media@crownlaw.govt.nz](mailto:media@crownlaw.govt.nz)