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NOTICE

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NEW JUSTICES OF APPEAL

Following the retirement of Justices Potter and Blanchard, the Governor announces the appointment of Justice Douglas White and Justice Ronald Young as Justices of the Pitcairn Court of Appeal.

Justice Douglas White completed his LLB and LLM (Hons) at Victoria University of Wellington. He was admitted to the bar in New Zealand in 1969, and after some time with the Law Commission in London, became a Partner in predecessor firms to Kensington Swan. He practiced law as a Barrister sole from 1986 – 2009, and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1988. In 2009, he was appointed as a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand, and in 2012 he was appointed to the Court of Appeal until his retirement in 2015. He is currently President of the New Zealand Law Commission and continues to serve as a Justice of the Court of Appeal of the Cook Islands.

During his career, Justice White has also served as Pro-Chancellor and Chancellor at Victoria University, conducted and advised on several public inquiries, and acted as counsel to the New Zealand Law Society, among other roles.

Justice Ronald Young completed his LLB at University of Otago, and was admitted to the bar in 1974. After practising law in Dunedin and Hamilton, he was appointed a District Court Judge in 1989, and in 1993 was made Chief District Court Judge for New Zealand. Between 2000 – 2001 he was President of the New Zealand Electoral Commission. In 2001, he was appointed to the High Court of New Zealand, and in 2005 became a Divisional Judge of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand, where he served until his retirement in 2015.

Justice Young has also served and continues to serve as a judge in the Court of Appeal of Vanuatu and the Court of Appeal of the Solomon Islands.

Details of the swearing in ceremony for Justices White and Young will be publicised in due course.

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