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Judge Smith was appointed as a District Court Judge in 2004. Prior to this she had worked as a criminal and family court litigator in South Auckland before moving to Taranaki where she began to specialise in family law with a particular emphasis on child advocacy, sexual abuse cases, domestic protection work and property litigation. Working with the dynamics of domestic violence was commonplace and applying for relief or defending applications under the Domestic Violence Act was, at times, a daily occurrence.

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