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Her Hon Judge MacKenzie, District Court, Rotorua

Judge MacKenzie was appointed a District Court Judge in January 2008. She holds a Family Court warrant and a Youth designation and sits in Rotorua. After graduating from Victoria University in 1988, Judge MacKenzie practised primarily in the litigation field, including criminal law. Ultimately, she specialised in family law, undertaking a wide range of family law work, but had a particular interest in acting as lawyer for the child in family law disputes and for the New Zealand Central Authority in cases under the Hague Convention. Prior to her appointment as a District Court Judge, Judge MacKenzie was a partner in a Tauranga law firm for a number of years. She is particularly interested in standards of advocacy in the Family Court.

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