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Mr Vince Siemer  
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Dear Mr Siemer

I refer to your letter of 26 January 2008 seeking, under the Official Information Act 1982, the name of the last duly appointed Judge in New Zealand to be removed from the Bench for misconduct. You have also asked for the date this removal occurred.

No Judge has been removed from office in New Zealand for misconduct.

The Judicial Complaints Commissioner and the Judicial Conduct Panel Act 2004 provide formal processes for considering complaints about Judges and whether action is required to examine the need to remove a Judge from office.

Yours sincerely

  
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