



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SERVE AS A REGISTRAR FOR THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS COURTS

Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands are a United Kingdom Overseas Territory. Pitcairn is the only inhabited island in the group.

This is a call for expressions of interest to serve as the Registrar of the Pitcairn Islands Magistrate's Court, Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

The desired candidate would have extensive Court experience in a wide range of procedures, either as a Registrar, a legal practitioner, or other officer of the Court. Experience in dealing with estate matters would be particularly beneficial. Experience in Pitcairn Islands, or other small jurisdictions or communities would also be an advantage.

An appointee would need to demonstrate:

- Honesty, integrity, impartiality, and good judgement
- Strong knowledge of court processes, including in civil, criminal, family and estate matters
- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- Awareness of cultural and gender issues

By way of background, the Courts of Pitcairn Island are established by the Constitution of Pitcairn and the Judicature (Courts) Ordinance. They include the Pitcairn Supreme Court with original jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases, the Court of Appeal as an appellate Court, and the Magistrate's Court, a subordinate court with limited original jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases. The duties of Court Registrars are set out in Part V of the Judicature (Courts) Ordinance, and s 4 of the Justice Ordinance. Court Registrars are appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Chief Justice, and tenure is in accordance with section 55 of the Constitution.

The current Pitcairn judiciary are, with the exception of the on-Island Magistrate and the Privy Council, resident in New Zealand. So, too, are the Pitcairn Attorney General, Public Prosecutor, and Public Defender. There are currently two Deputy Registrars of the Pitcairn Courts, one located on Pitcairn Island, and one resident in New Zealand. The Court Registry is located in Auckland, New Zealand.

Pitcairn's population is fewer than 50 people and cases in the Pitcairn Courts can be expected to be infrequent. Court duties, including hearings, are able to be conducted in New Zealand but could also at times require travel to the Island. Travel to the Island typically involves an absence from New Zealand for either 12 or 19 days (for a three day or a

10 day stay), which includes a 36 hour open sea voyage with transfer to the Island by longboat. There is a doctor on the Island.

Remuneration is on the basis of a daily rate while performing registrar duties, and travel allowances.

Expressions of interest (with a full curriculum vitae) may be made electronically to Emma Milsom, at emma.milsom@fco.gov.uk by 30 August 2019.