

Expression of Interest – Chief Judge of Māori Land Court

Candidates must be eligible for appointment as a Māori Land Court Chief Judge under section 7 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. Under section 7, judges must be 'fit and proper' for the position, and must:

- be deemed suitable, having regard to their knowledge and experience of te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and the Treaty of Waitangi
- have held a practising certificate as a barrister or solicitor for at least 7 years;
- be under the age of 70 years;
- stop practising as a barrister or solicitor;
- do not undertake any other paid employment or any other office (whether paid or not) that is incompatible with your duties as a Māori Land Court Chief Judge.

In addition, in accordance with the criteria for appointment set out in the Attorney-General's published protocol, appointments are made considering personal and legal skills and experience, along with their character, and their experience and understanding of the communities they will serve as judges.

This form provides an opportunity to highlight experience; a more extensive work and personal history should be contained in a curriculum vitae that addresses all the criteria in the published protocol.

Use additional pages to respond more fully on any part of this form if need be.

Personal details

Surname/Family Name _____

First Names _____

Full Postal Address *(the address to which mail should be sent)*

Phone Private _____ Work _____

Email _____

Do not supply any numbers that you do not wish to have used.

Date of birth _____

Day

Month

Year

The following information is gathered for statistical purposes or to assist with our evaluation of the advertising methods used. Completion of this section is voluntary.

Are you Female Male Gender Diverse Prefer not to say

Are you a New Zealand citizen? Yes/No

Do you have resident status? Yes/No

Ethnicity:

Tick as many as you need to show to which ethnic group(s) you belong.

- NZ European
- Māori. Iwi, please state:
- Samoan
- Cook Islands Māori
- Tongan
- Niuean
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other, e.g., Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan. Please state:

Candidate Information

Where did you hear about the Māori Land Court Judge vacancy *(Include more than one source if appropriate)*

Work history

Date of admission in New Zealand

Please provide here a brief description of your overall experience, for example, areas of law in which you have worked.

Provide full details of employers, dates of employment, your positions, areas of work, periods of partnership and self-employment in your curriculum vitae.

If you have experience as a litigator, please detail that experience including courts you have appeared in and nature and extent of experience.

Please provide any information about any non-legal work experience that could be relevant to this expression of interest.

Please give highlights of your career whether legal or non-legal. For example, significant reported decisions or personal achievements that indicate your suitability for appointment.

Professional memberships

Professional bodies, legal and non-legal, you belong to. Indicate if you have held office.

Organisation Office/s held Years

Self-identification regarding diversity

The Minister for Maori Development is committed to appointing a judiciary that reflects and understands the diverse community it serves.

Please provide any information about yourself that you feel may assist in this objective, including life experience that indicates suitability.

Language and cultural competency

Do you have any knowledge or experience of the operation of tikanga Māori? What is your knowledge of te reo Māori? Do you have competence in any language other than English and te reo Māori?

Education Academic qualifications and attainments *Qualification Institution Country Years Year completed – or ongoing*

Publications and news articles

Please list any published or public works which may be relevant. This can include both works of a legal and non-legal nature.

Teaching and continuing education

Please list all legal or judicial educational organisations and activities you have been involved with, either from a teaching or learning perspective.

Personal suitability and integrity

The character of the applicant is a factor which weighs heavily in the appointment process.

For that reason, once a person is invited to be considered for appointment, they are asked to make further disclosures through a declaration.

That declaration seeks considerable detailed personal information about the person’s character, personal and business finances, regulatory or conduct (or other) complaints and how they were resolved, criminal record, state of health etc.

This information is closely and confidentially held. It will be provided to the Chief Justice and the Minister for Maori Development and the Attorney General to enable final appointment decisions.

Why do you want to be the Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court?

How has your experience, both professional and personal, provided you with both an understanding of and the skills to judge in the diverse, complex and modern society that is Aotearoa New Zealand?

How has your experience, both professional and personal, illustrated your commitment to service and access to justice?

Important Notes

The Governor-General is empowered under section 8 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 to appoint a Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court. If you are not currently a Māori Land Court Judge, you must also meet the requirements of section 7 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act. Under section 7, you may **not** be appointed as a Māori Land Court Judge unless you:

- have held a current practising certificate under the Law Practitioners Act 1982 for at least 7 years;
- have suitable knowledge and experience of te reo Māori, tikanga Māori Māori, and the Treaty of Waitangi;
- are under 70 years of age;
- stop working as a barrister or solicitor; and
- do not undertake any other paid employment or any other office (whether paid or not) that is incompatible with your duties as a Māori Land Court Judge.

Under the terms of the Privacy Act 1993, we are required to inform you that:

- the information you have provided is being collected for the purpose of filling the position of Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court;
- the information is needed to assess your suitability to fill that position.
- the information may be checked by reference to the referees you have named in your application
- you have rights of access to the information held about yourself and you have the right to request corrections to this information, however, comments made by other people about your suitability may not be available if these people have been promised that their comments will be treated confidentially;
- the information may be used for judicial administrative purposes if and after you are appointed; and
- the information will be kept for as long as it is required for the purposes for which it has been obtained.

Consent

I understand and consent to my application form, my curriculum vitae and any other material supplied being held by Te Puni Kōkiri/ Ministry of Māori Development and being used to assess whether I may be appointed as the Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court.

I consent to my name being passed to the New Zealand Law Society as part of the consultation process. I also consent to the information I have supplied being checked by reference to any of the employers, community groups or other organisations I have listed in my Curriculum Vitae.

I consent to my name being passed to the Chief Justice, Minister for Māori Development or others deemed appropriate by them or the Attorney-General as part of the consultation process.

I understand that my application form, my curriculum vitae and other material supplied and held by Te Puni Kōkiri/ Ministry of Māori Development may be referred to the Māori Land Court if and after I have been appointed as the Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court, for judicial administrative purposes.

Signature _____

Full name _____

Date _____

Please mark your expression on interest “Confidential: and address it to:

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