

Expression of Interest

To be Appointed as a Temporary Judge of the Māori Land Court

Full Name _____

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

Phone: Private _____ Work _____

Email _____ Fax _____

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

Date of birth _____

Are you a New Zealand citizen? Yes / No

Do you have resident status? Yes / No

Have you held a practising certificate as a barrister or solicitor for at least seven years? Yes / No

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.

Please circle the information that applies to you, or use the space provided to provide further information

Male / Female

Māori

Iwi

New Zealand European or Pākeha

Pacific Island descent

Island of origin

Other ethnic origin *(please state)*

Important Notes

The Governor-General is empowered under section 7 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 to appoint judges of the Māori Land Court. Under section 7, you may **not** be appointed as a Māori Land Court judge unless you:

- have held a current practising certificate under the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006 for at least 7 years;
- are suitable, having regard to your knowledge and experience of te reo Māori, tikanga Māori, and the Treaty of Waitangi;
- stop practising 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 judicial office.

Under section 9 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993, the Governor-General may appoint temporary judges of the Māori Land Court, for a period not exceeding two years. A person may not be appointed as a temporary judge unless they are eligible for appointment as a judge under section 7.



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 temporary 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 and to those persons listed in the Statutory Declaration;
- 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;

If you have any questions or concerns about how your personal information may be collected, used or stored by Te Puni Kōkiri please feel free to call Joanne Silberstein on ph: 04 819 6070 or email: silbj@tpk.govt.nz.



Statutory Declaration and Authorisation

Statements made in the Statutory Declaration must be truthful and complete. However, the fact that you have anything to declare will not necessarily preclude you from appointment as a temporary judge of the Māori Land Court.

I *(full name: first or given names and family or surname)*

of *(full residential address)*

occupation

solemnly and sincerely declare that:

Criminal Offences

(Cross out any statement that does NOT apply)

- I have not been convicted of any criminal offences *(for these purposes do not count any infringement offences, e.g. parking or speeding offences, as they do not result in a conviction being entered against you).*

OR

- I have been convicted of the following criminal offences *(do not count infringement offences, see above):*

Disciplinary Action

(Cross out the statement that does NOT apply)

- I have not been the subject of any disciplinary action by any District Law Society/Branch of the New Zealand Law Society or by the New Zealand Law Society or an equivalent overseas body, nor are there any cost revision complaints or unresolved complaints against me.

OR

- Details of disciplinary action, cost revision complaints or unresolved complaints against me (including by whom and the outcomes) are as follows:

Financial status

(Cross out any statement that does NOT apply)

- My financial status is secure.
- I have not been made bankrupt, entered into a composition with my creditors, or been disqualified as a director.
- I have not had any judgment entered against me *(No answer is required if the sum awarded was less than \$12,500)*.
- I have never had proceedings brought against me in relation to tax defaults.
- I do not have any tax owing which should have been already paid.

Health status *(Cross out the statement if it does NOT apply)*

- My state of health is good.

I understand that in making an application to be appointed as a temporary judge of the Māori Land Court, my curriculum vitae and any other information may be disclosed to Ministers of the Crown, their offices, Ministries and departments, and the Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court.

By signing and returning this form I agree that Te Puni Kōkiri is entitled to release my personal information to third parties in the course of selection.

I consent to my name being passed to the New Zealand Law Society as part of the consultation process and I authorise the New Zealand Law Society to provide any information it may consider relevant to this application, including details of any complaints or disciplinary matters, whether or not they are upheld or pending final decision or determination. I authorise the New Zealand Law Society to provide copies of any complaints or disciplinary decisions or determinations against me.

I consent to my name being passed to the President of the New Zealand Law Society as part of the consultation process and I understand that the President may in turn consult, on a confidential basis, with respected and trustworthy practitioners.

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 understand that my application form, my Curriculum Vitae and other material supplied and held by Te Puni Kōkiri may be referred to the Māori Land Court if and after I have been appointed as a temporary judge of the Māori Land Court, for judicial administrative purposes.

I also acknowledge that before any appointment is made I may be required to provide a health certificate from a registered medical practitioner, a statement of my assets and liabilities, and a character check from the Ministry of Justice.

And, I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature _____

Declared at _____ this _____ day of _____

(signature of person authorised to take statutory declaration)

(name of person authorised to take statutory declaration). Please print name or use a stamp