



## Expressions of Interest

Te Mana Pīra Tūranga Rerenga

### Deputy Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court

The Minister of Maori Affairs, through Te Puni Kōkiri, wishes to hear from suitably qualified persons who would like to be considered for the position of Deputy Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court.

The Māori Land Court's primary objective under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 is to promote the retention of Māori land in the hands of its owners and to facilitate the occupation, development, and utilisation of that land by its owners, their whānau, and hapū.

The Māori Land Court also has jurisdiction to determine applications for customary rights orders in respect of the foreshore and seabed, and plays a specific role in dispute resolution matters arising under the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 and the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.

The role of Deputy Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court encompasses judicial, representative, administrative, relationship management, and strategic functions. A key demand of the role is supporting the Chief Judge in his/her leadership of the Court, including acting as Chief Judge where necessary.

The successful candidate for Deputy Chief Judge should demonstrate legal excellence and outstanding leadership qualities. A full Position Description incorporating the relevant appointment criteria, and an Expression of Interest form, can be accessed via Te Puni Kōkiri's website at [www.tpk.govt.nz](http://www.tpk.govt.nz)

Please forward the completed Expression of Interest form and a current curriculum vitae to the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri, PO Box 3943, Wellington, or fax (04) 819 6297 by 15 October 2009.

For further information, or for a copy of the Position Description or Expression of Interest Form, contact Nick Jeffs at Te Puni Kōkiri on telephone (04) 819 6055 or email [jeffn@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:jeffn@tpk.govt.nz)