

Expression of Interest – Judge of the Māori Land Court

Surname/Family Name _____

First Names _____

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

Phone Private _____ Work _____

Email _____ Fax _____

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.

Male Female

Māori

Iwi

New Zealand European or Pākehā

Pacific Island descent

Island of origin

Other ethnic origin *(please state)*

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

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;
- have suitable knowledge and experience of te reo Māori, tikanga 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 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;
- Te Puni Kōkiri will keep the information in a secure location and only provide access to people who need to know;
- 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 Varshini Suresh on 027 216 1752, or make contact via email at surev@tpk.govt.nz or info@tpk.govt.nz.

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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 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 the 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 professional body in New Zealand or overseas, nor are there any unresolved complaints against me.

OR

- Details of disciplinary action or unresolved complaints against me 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 Judge of the Māori Land Court, my curriculum vitae and any other information may be disclosed to Ministers of the Crown, their offices, Ministries, departments, the Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court and members of the Interview Panel. 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. 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 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*