

An index of past and present judicial officers of the Māori Land Court and Native Land Court

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Judicial officers of the Native Land Court from 1864 to 1947

Judge	Date appointed
John Rogan	25 June 1864 (President) 9 January 1865 (Judge)
Wiremu Tipene	25 June 1864
Matikikuha	25 June 1864
Te Keene of Orakei	25 June 1864
Tamati Reweti	25 June 1864
George Clarke	25 October 1864 (President) 9 January 1865 (Judge)
Hone Mohi Tawhai	25 October 1864
Penetana Papahurihia	25 October 1864
Hoterene Tawatawa	25 October 1864
Wepiha Pi	25 October 1864
Tango Hikuwai	25 October 1864
Riwhi Hongi	25 October 1864
Tamati Huingariri	25 October 1864
Francis Dart Fenton	9 January 1865 (Chief Judge)
James McKay	11 February 1865
William Bertrand White	11 February 1865
Thomas Henry Smith	7 April 1865
Walter Lawry Buller	7 April 1865
George Frederick Swainson	7 April 1865

Judge	Date appointed
James Booth	7 April 1865
Henry Alfred Home Munro	15 November 1865
Frederick Edward Maning	15 November 1865
John Jermyn Symonds	12 February 1875
Samuel Deighton	12 February 1875
Henry Halse	12 February 1875
Theophilus Heale	30 April 1877
John Alexander Wilson	18 June 1878
Charles Heaphy	4 September 1878
Thomas Edward Young	1 March 1879
James Edwin McDonald	18 October 1880
	14 November 1882 (Chief Judge)
Laughlin O'Brien	18 October 1880
Frederick Maurice Preston Brookfield	29 April 1881
Edward Marsh Williams	29 April 1881
Edward Walter Puckey	18 May 1881
William Gilbert Mair	22 March 1882
Henry Tacy Clarke	12 March 1883
Alexander MacKay	20 May 1884
Richard John Gill	8 January 1885
David Scannell	5 December 1885
Robert Ward	25 May 1886
Herbert William Brabant	22 December 1886
George Elliot Barton	19 November 1888
Hugh Garden Seth-Smith	8 February 1889 (Chief Judge)
Spencer William Von Sturmer	21 February 1889
Robert Trimble	15 November 1889

Judge	Date appointed
James Stephenson Clendon	10 October 1890
Walter Edward Gudgeon	1 July 1890
George Boutflower Davy	15 November 1892 (Chief Judge)
William James Butler	14 June 1893
Herbert Frank Edger	13 March 1894
Henry Dunbar Johnson	1 May 1896
James Meachem Batham	1 April 1897
Robert Noble Jones	1 July 1903
	14 August 1919 (Chief Judge)
Jackson Palmer	8 June 1904
	28 August 1906 (Chief Judge)
James Wakelin Browne	29 January 1905
Charles Edward McCormick	27 August 1906
	1 July 1939 (Chief Judge)
Walter Edward Rawson	27 August 1906
Robert Campbell Sim	27 August 1906
Albert George Holland	1 September 1906
Thomas William Fisher	1 February 1907
Michael Gilfedder	1 February 1907
Eliot Roscoe Reeve	1 July 1908
Thomas Henry Wilson	1 January 1911
John Bain Jack	1 February 1912
Hugh Fraser Ayson	3 February 1919
Frank Oswald Victor Acheson	1 November 1919
Harold Herbert Carr	19 July 1923
John Harvey	1 July 1933
George Patrick Shepherd	1 October 1938

Judge**Date appointed**

Robert Preshaw Dykes

1 August 1940 (Chief Judge)

12 May 1941

Ernest Manfield Beechy

12 May 1941

Arnold Admiral Whitehead

1 January 1943

Ivor Prichard

23 April 1945

1 April 1961 (Chief Judge)

David Gordon Bruce Morison

1 September 1945 (Chief Judge)

Judges appointed to the Māori Land Court since 1948

Judge	Date appointed
Norman William Smith	18 February 1952
Gerard Michael O'Malley	2 February 1953
Geoffrey John Jeune	25 January 1954
	3 February 1964 (Chief Judge)
Selwyn Clemens Clarke	1 May 1954
Maurice Alister Brook	9 January 1956
Clement George White	1 March 1956
William Field Porter	1 April 1958
Bartholemew Sheehan	1 May 1961
David Grant Davis	29 May 1961
Kenneth Gillanders Scott	24 October 1961
	16 June 1974 (Chief Judge)
Melville Charles Smith	3 February 1964
William Collinson Nicholson	28 October 1965
Edward James Haughey	17 May 1966
Andrew Graham Todd	1 June 1969 (Chief Judge)
Leonard George Herston Sinclair	1 May 1971
Kevin Bernard Cull	1 September 1971
Edward Taihakurei Junior Durie	15 August 1974
	1 August 1980 (Chief Judge)
Ross Maitland Russell	1 March 1975
Ashley George McHugh	29 March 1980
Norman Francis Smith	1 April 1981
Heta Kenneth Hingston	26 October 1984
Hoera Bailey Marumaru	21 October 1985

Andrew Duncan Spencer	20 May 1987
Glendyn Donald Carter	1 October 1989
James Leighton Rota	5 November 1990
Wilson Whare Isaac	11 March 1994
	13 August 2009 (Chief Judge)
Patrick John Savage	7 July 1994
Joseph Victor Williams	1 December 1999 (Chief Judge)
Carolyn Mary Wainwright	17 November 2000
Caren Leslie Fox (nee Wickliffe)	7 October 2000
	20 February 2010 (Deputy Chief Judge)
Layne Ross Harvey	1 September 2002
Stephanie Te Aomarama Milroy	9 September 2002
David John Ambler	1 June 2006
Stephen Robert Clark	25 January 2008
Craig Tamihana Coxhead	25 January 2008
Sarah Frances Reeves	10 December 2010
Michael John Doogan	25 January 2013
Miharo Peter Armstrong	1 August 2014

Note: Judges in **bold** text are current Judges of the Māori Land Court and Māori Appellate Court

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