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Judge Damian Stone, Māori Land Court, Wellington

Judge Stone was appointed to the Māori Land Court on 25 March 2019. Based in Wellington, he is the resident judge for Wellington and Thames, but also provides support for hearings around the country. Judge Stone is also a member of the Waitangi Tribunal.



Jodi Ryan, Kumutoto Chambers, Wellington

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