

PRESENTERS

Judge Stephen Clark, Māori Land Court, Hamilton

Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Haua

Judge Clark was appointed to the Māori Land Court bench in 2008. He is one of the resident judges for the Waikato-Maniapoto district. Judge Clark is a law practitioner of 20 years experience, having completed his law degree in 1987 and being admitted to the Bar in 1988. After initially working in Auckland for Sellar Bone & Partners, he joined McCaw Lewis Chapman, solicitors of Hamilton, in 1990 and became a partner in 1996. He is a foundation member and former president of Te Hunga Roia Māori o Aotearoa – the New Zealand Māori Law Society.

Judge Craig Coxhead, Māori Land Court, Wellington

Ngāti Makino, Ngāti Pūkiao, Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Maru

Judge Coxhead graduated from Waikato Law School with LLB Honours in 1994 and was admitted to the bar in 1995 and completed a LLM in 2000. Judge Coxhead worked in private practice with McCaw Lewis Chapman before becoming a lecturer at the University of Waikato School of Law in 1999. He was appointed to the Māori Land Court bench in 2008 and is a resident judge in Wellington. He is a former president of Te Hunga Roia Māori o Aotearoa – the New Zealand Māori Law Society.

Judge Layne Harvey, Māori Land Court, Rotorua

Ngāti Awa, Rongowhakaata, Te Aitanga a Māhaki, Te Whānau a Apanui, Ngāti Kahungunu

Judge Harvey was appointed to the Māori Land Court bench in October 2002. He is the resident judge in the Aotea District. Formerly, he practised for 11 years as a lawyer with Auckland firms Simpson Grierson, and Walters Williams & Co where he became a partner. His work included acting for iwi and hapū in Waitangi Tribunal claims and settlement negotiations, providing general advice to Māori organisations, and working in trust law and iwi legal and post settlement governance structures.

Judge Stephanie Milroy, Māori Land Court, Hamilton

Te Arawa, Ngāi Tūhoe

Judge Milroy worked in private practice before taking up a lecturer's position at the newly opened School of Law at Waikato University. She was appointed to the Māori Land Court bench in 2002 and is one of the resident judges for the Waikato-Maniapoto district. She is also working on the report for Stage 2 of the Waitangi Tribunal inquiry into Tauranga Moana.

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