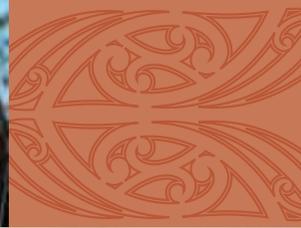


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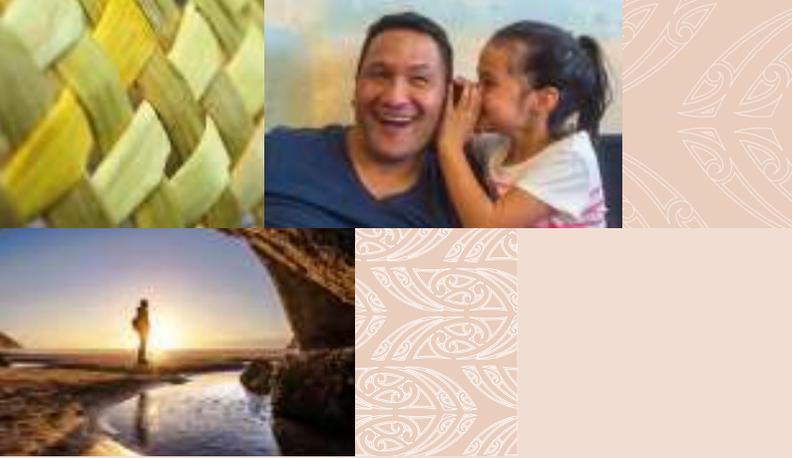
Te Kura Kaiwhakawā (Te Kura) is the education arm of the judiciary, delivering programmes and seminars to support judges throughout their careers. The role of Te Kura is to inform and inspire the judiciary and to develop skills and good judge craft.

Curriculum

Te Kura has a curriculum of judicial education that guides programme development. The programmes are for judges at every career stage and address bench-specific and specialist court education needs.

The curriculum integrates four key areas of judicial education:

1. The role of the judge
2. The context of the judicial function
3. Skills and judge craft
4. Renewal and resilience.



The role of the judge covers three areas:

- induction
- the role of the judge generally
- special functions, courts and delivery.

Courses include induction programmes with skills and judge craft as part of their content, programmes on judicial conduct, and annual seminars for specific benches and jurisdictions.

The context of judicial function explores both the social and legal context of being a judge in Aotearoa New Zealand. The social context curriculum includes core programmes and courses covering areas such as te reo Māori and tikanga (including the Te Kura noho marae), diversity, family violence, and managing sexual violence trials. The legal context curriculum is delivered through update seminars on substantive law, common room sessions, and webinars on new or complex areas of law.

Skills and judge craft focuses on management skills (such as courtroom management and communication), evaluative skills (evidence and procedure, decision making, bail, and risk assessment), and delivery skills (oral judgments and judgment writing).

Renewal and resilience supports judges to judge “well.” It covers leadership, mentoring, managing workload, and mental and physical wellbeing. It is aimed at re-invigorating judges, harnessing the experience of longer-serving judges on managing this challenging role.

Programme development

Te Kura programmes are developed and delivered with input from subject-area experts and judges. Judges participate as seminar leaders and advisers, presenters and facilitators, and as learners. Programmes are interactive and include discussion, practice sessions, scenarios, and analytical frameworks. Resources are made available through the Te Kura intranet.

Booking information

Book online using the seminar booking system in JAX. After the closing date, applications are sent to your Head of Bench for approval (for District Court and High Court judges only). You will be notified about which seminars you have been approved to attend. Attendances from all other benches are automatically confirmed.

Te Kura organises attendance at the bench-specific updates, common room sessions and orientations directly through Heads of Bench and Judicial Resource Managers.

Travel information

Te Kura pays for travel and overnight expenses (where appropriate) when a judge is attending a seminar from out of town. Te Kura uses Corporate Cabs and local cab services wherever possible. Judges attending Te Kura seminars do not qualify for daily allowance rates.

Te Kura face-to-face seminars generally start at 9.30am on the first day to allow for early morning travel, and 9am on subsequent days. There will be circumstances where same-day travel is not practical or reasonable so please contact us to discuss other options.

Te Kura adheres to the Ministry’s guidelines where possible. Meal costs are reasonable when they fall within the following ranges:

- breakfast (negotiated cost provided at the accommodation hotel)
- lunch (negotiated cost provided at the seminar venue)
- evening meal is \$30-45 per person. Alcohol is not covered.

Please follow these guidelines for Te Kura events. (If dining outside the venue, please submit a reimbursement form with a receipt to Te Kura after the event.)

When claiming mileage, the rate is 82 cents per km.

Evaluating programmes

Your evaluation provides important feedback to help us develop and improve our programmes. Please complete the online evaluation for Te Kura programmes you attend. We will send a link to you via email immediately after the programme.

We look forward to seeing you in 2022 at some of the Te Kura programmes listed here.



PROGRAMMES FOR 2022

Te reo Māori wānanga for proficient speakers

He rumaki reo Māori tēnei wānanga. Ko te whāinga kia whai wā ngā ākonga ki te whakapakari i tōna reo Māori, kia hōhonu ake, kia whakaniko ake, kia Māori ake.

Te reo Māori is an important aspect of the Te Kura curriculum. This rumaki (immersion) wānanga is aimed at speakers with an intermediate to advanced level of proficiency. It is expected that te reo Māori will be the only language spoken during the noho marae wānanga. The wānanga encompasses aspects of tikanga and kawa and is led by an experienced faculty of kaiako (teachers). The objective of the wānanga is to strengthen the depth, quality and fluency of your reo.

→ 7-11 March 2022

Noho marae

The marae visit is an unrivalled opportunity to better understand tikanga and to build whanaungatanga (collegiality) with other judges. It offers a unique opportunity to explore Māori culture and life on the marae, where there is a clear expression of tikanga Māori. You will be formally welcomed onto the marae where kaumātua will present aspects of tikanga and explain the significance of land and history. You will be guided by judicial colleagues throughout your stay. Past attendees have described the visit as inspirational, valuable, and as having made a deep impact on them personally and professionally.

→ 24-27 March 2022

Sexual violence

This seminar addresses the barriers conventional practice presents to courts receiving 'best evidence' in sex trials. The seminar will consider legislative measures—both current and proposed—that aim to reduce the trauma that sexual violence complainants may experience when they attend court and give evidence. Expert academics and judicial presenters will use a range of scenarios to help you consider how these measures can be used to support best practice in sex trials, while remaining sensitive to a defendant's right to a fair trial.

→ 7-8 April 2022

Te reo Māori one-day wānanga for judges (two options available)

The one-day wānanga is an opportunity for judges to develop and enhance their ability to connect with Māori in the courtroom through te reo Māori. The wānanga is for all levels of proficiency, with participants streamed into groups depending on their level of competency. Judges who have completed the beginner and/or advanced beginner online courses may find this wānanga beneficial. Experienced kaiako guide participants through an interactive and practical day with a key objective to develop and build confidence using te reo, both in the courtroom and daily life.

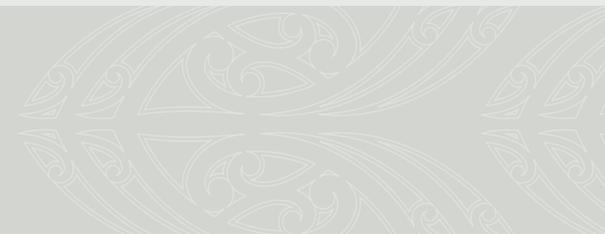
→ 3 June 2022

→ 25 November 2022

Oral judgments

Over two days you will focus on the structure and delivery of oral judgments. The programme will cover preparation, note taking, reasoning, delivery and credibility findings. You will be recorded delivering oral judgments and receive feedback and coaching.

→ 30 June-1 July 2022





Open justice and the media

This one-day seminar explores “open justice” in our courts and is led by an experienced team of judges and media professionals. The sessions provide practical advice and tools to assist your daily work when balancing competing interests and managing the interaction between media and the courts. You will learn about and consider a range of issues including:

- the role of the media in an era of technological change
- the challenges of court reporting for journalists
- access to court documents and applications for in-court media coverage
- approaches to managing tensions between open justice, fair trial rights and the administration of justice.

→ 8 July 2022

Evidence and procedure *(two options available)*

At the heart of a judge’s work are the tasks of analysing evidential issues, applying the law to those issues, and giving reasoned decisions. This interactive two-day workshop is an opportunity to identify and deal with evidential issues that routinely arise during trials. You will work through examples to apply the law, grapple with difficult issues posed by these examples, and determine relevance and appropriate responses to a range of courtroom situations.

→ 25–26 July 2022

→ 28–29 July 2022



Tikanga—the roles of wāhine Māori (Māori women)

This programme is an opportunity to further build on your judicial knowledge acquired through participation in the Tikanga and Noho marae courses. It is an opportunity to explore the roles of Māori women in their society and the associated values and customs related to those roles. It will assist you to make informed decisions when dealing with Māori women and/or their families. Given the disproportionate number of Māori women and girls in our judicial system, this opportunity should not be missed.

There are no lectures, rather there are active wānanga sessions designed to enhance awareness of each of the departmental goddesses and ancestors associated with Māori women and their roles. It is offered in both English and te reo Māori (depending on participant competency). Background reading: Patricia Grace and Robyn Kahukiwa *Wāhine Toa – Women of Māori Myth* (Viking Pacific, 1991). Note that the number of places offered for this programme is limited.

→ 16–17 August 2022



Judgment writing

Simplify, streamline and strengthen your judgments under the guidance of a panel of experts. The presenters—a mix of professional writers and judges from the Senior Courts and the District Court—will outline the architecture of a robust judgment and the principles of good writing as they apply to judgments. They will then guide you through re-writing one of your own judgments so that you can apply the principles presented at the seminar and reinforce your understanding of this key aspect of judge craft.

→ 31 August–2 September 2022

Wellbeing

Judicial work is demanding and intense, carrying the potential for both great satisfaction and high stress. Increasingly heavy workloads, exposure to traumatic material, an isolating work environment, and the critical attention of the media can take a toll. Acknowledging the reality of stress and building capacity to manage it effectively are important aspects of judging well. Over two days you will explore individual strategies that can be implemented to manage the pressures of the role, build awareness of the personal and organisational risk factors for judicial stress, learn strategies for managing personal stress, and develop skills for identifying and supporting colleagues who might be experiencing stress.

→ 15–16 September 2022

Tikanga

Judges must have an understanding of tikanga/Māori protocols, whether to use this knowledge in the courtroom or outside it. Judges also need a basic awareness of tikanga as law—both procedural and substantive—and where it is contained in statutory directives and as part of the wider New Zealand common law. You will be introduced to both in a noho marae environment where you will stay for the three-day wānanga.

Under the leadership of tikanga experts, and senior judges experienced in dealing with tikanga as law, you will develop an understanding of procedural and substantive tikanga alongside a safe awareness of the limits of that knowledge, and an understanding of when and how to seek help.

→ 28–30 September 2022

Diversity

As New Zealand society and courtrooms become more diverse, judges need new tools and skills to navigate the changing landscape. At the core of getting to grips with the increasing diversity of our courtrooms is your duty to ensure that every person who appears in your court has equal access to a fair trial, where evidence is assessed impartially and without prejudice.

Judges need the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the challenges they face in this area. This seminar provides a forum in which you can safely assess and build your intercultural competence by developing greater awareness and understanding of different communities' sensitivities, cross-cultural experiences and communication issues in court. You will be supported by experts in this field, with a focus on three or four specific communities.

→ 10–11 November 2022

Online te reo wānanga for judges

During 2022 we will offer a range of online te reo Māori programmes: entry level modules for beginners, and webinars for different levels of proficiency. Dates are yet to be confirmed.

Orientation seminars

Judicial intensive

All new judges complete our intensive programme, designed to help with the transition to life on the bench. Senior judges lead presentations and discussions on aspects of court craft, with an emphasis on the skills that judges are called upon to apply immediately, including judicial conduct, social context issues, courtroom management, judgment delivery, bail, sentencing, and dealing with media. The programme is an opportunity to enjoy the friendship of new colleagues and benefit from the experience of senior colleagues. Your Head of Bench will make arrangements for your attendance and the scheduling of your roster.

→ 22–27 May 2022

A series of one- and two-day orientation seminars will be provided during 2022 for the following specific bench warranted judges:

- Jury judge's orientation (open to High Court and District Court judges)
- Youth Court judge orientation

No application is required. Your Head of Bench will oversee arrangements for your attendance and the scheduling of your roster.



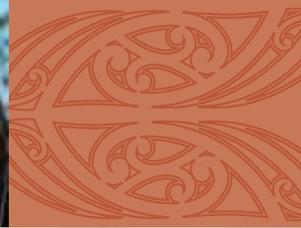
Bench-specific seminars

A series of one-day seminars will be conducted regionally to update judges on topics relevant to the work of each bench. No application is required. Your Head of Bench will oversee arrangements for your attendance and the scheduling of your roster. In 2022, seminars will be conducted for:

- Youth Court updates
- Senior Courts updates
- Family Court updates
- Māori Land Court updates
- Environment Court updates

Attending New Zealand Law Society Continuing Legal Education courses

New Zealand Law Society Continuing Legal Education (CLE) welcomes the attendance of judges free of charge at all CLE programmes. The only exception is a charge for any attendance at a dinner included in a two-day conference. For further information about available programmes, please refer to www.lawyerseducation.co.nz



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