

The Aotearoa New Zealand Centre for Indigenous Peoples and the Law presents the:  
**The 2018 Nin Tomas Lecture on Indigenous Peoples and the Law**  
*The Role of A Māori Land Court Judge – Stories and Reflections after 18 years*

You are warmly invited to the 2018 Nin Tomas Lecture to be delivered by  
**Deputy Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court Caren Fox**



Dr Nin Tomas

*The lecture has been established in honour of Dr Nin Tomas who passed in February 2014. Dr Nin Tomas was the first Māori person to earn a PhD in law and the Law School's most senior Māori academic. Nin was a founding member of te Tai Haruru, the Māori legal academics group, and led the Law School for many years in the development of initiatives in support of te Ao Māori, Māori law students and Indigenous peoples' rights globally.*



Deputy Chief  
Judge Caren Fox

Prior to becoming a judge, Deputy Chief Judge Fox was a lecturer in law at Victoria University, and then a Senior Lecturer in law and Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Waikato. In addition, she acted as legal counsel for Treaty claimants and Māori land clients. A specialist in international human rights, she was a Harkness Fellow to the USA from 1991 to 1992 and a Pacific Fellow in Human Rights Education employed by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation 1997-1999. For her work in human rights she won the NZ Human Rights Commission 2000 Millennium Medal. She was appointed to the Māori Land Court on 1 October 2000 as the first Māori woman since the Court was constituted in 1865 and was later appointed as Deputy Chief Judge on 20 February 2010. She is the resident judge for the Tairāwhiti District of the Māori Land Court hearing cases in Ruatōria and Gisborne. She presides in the Māori Appellate Court when the Chief Judge is not present and, since 2017, she has been delegated responsibility to deal with special applications for the Taitokerau district pursuant to s 45 of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.

The Aotearoa New Zealand Centre for Indigenous Peoples and the Law is a new centre at Auckland Law School dedicated to research, advocacy and teaching related to the law and Indigenous peoples globally, but with a special emphasis on Aotearoa.

To find out more about the centre visit [law.auckland.ac.nz/indigenouspeoples](http://law.auckland.ac.nz/indigenouspeoples)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday 8 November 2018</b>
<b>Pre-lecture drinks :</b>	5:00 – 6:00pm Auckland Law School, 1 – 11 Short St, Building 810, Level 2
<b>Lecture Venue:</b>	<b>6:00pm Lecture Theatre 225</b> Auckland Law School, 1 – 11 Short Street, Building 810, Level 2

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