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## **Locations:**

The Court of Appeal is located at: [54 Molesworth St, Thorndon, Wellington](#). The Court also sits at the following High Courts (however, please note that all documents must be sent to the Court at the above Wellington address):

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Wellington High Court – [2 Molesworth Street, Wellington](#)

Christchurch High Court (Justice Precinct) – [20 Lichfield Street, Christchurch](#)

Dunedin High Court – [1 Stuart Street, Dunedin](#)

## **Sitting Hours:**

The Court typically sits between 10am and 4pm with adjournments *roughly* from 11:30am – 11:45am and 1pm – 2:15pm. There is no afternoon adjournment.

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## **Lower Court Judgments cited in this list may be found at the following links (if publicly available):**

Senior Courts Judgments of Public Interest: <https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/judgments/>

District Court of New Zealand: <https://www.districtcourts.govt.nz/>

Judicial Decisions Online: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/courts/decisions/jdo/>

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## **Court types:**

Full Court – A Court of five Court of Appeal Judges. See [s50 and s51 of the Senior Courts Act 2016](#)

Permanent Court – A Court consisting of three Court of Appeal Judges. See [s48\(1\)\(a\) of the Senior Courts Act 2016](#)

Divisional Court – A Court typically consisting of one Court of Appeal Judge and two High Court Judges. See [s48\(1\)\(c\)](#) and [s52 of the Senior Courts Act 2016](#)

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COURT OF APPEAL FIXTURE LIST – FEBRUARY 2026

Session Week: Monday 2 February to Friday 6 February

Date	Permanent Court, Wellington Courtroom 1	Permanent Court, Wellington Courtroom 2
Tuesday 3 February		
Wednesday 4 February		
Thursday 5 February		
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Circuit Week: Monday 9 February to Friday 13 February

Date	Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 1 Court: Whata J, Dunningham J, Andrew J	Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 2 Court: Palmer J, Robinson J, Harvey J
Monday 9 February	<p><u>CA288/2025</u> Dariush TALAGI (M J English, J M Scott) v The King Conviction &amp; Sentence - Life imprisonment with a minimum period of imprisonment of 12 years Downs J</p> <p><u>CA131/2025</u> Uwais Abdirahman AHMED (N P Chisnall KC) v The King Conviction - 7 years and 7 months imprisonment Geoghegan DCJ</p>	<p><u>CA509/2025</u> Rebecca Tuamafafilimalae Falemali TUPA'I (J C Harder) v The King Conviction &amp; Sentence - 70 hours community work and \$500 reparation Davenport KC DCJ</p> <p><u>CA545/2025 &amp; CA546/2025 (to be heard together)</u> <u>CA545/2025</u> Shannon NICHOLLS (N P Bourke) v The King Sentence- 6 years 4 months imprisonment <u>CA546/2025</u> Regan NICHOLLS (N P Bourke) v The King Sentence - 7 years imprisonment Greig DCJ</p> <p><u>CA853/2025</u> H (E J Forster, S B W Yee) v The King Refusal to Grant EM Bail Lang J</p>
	Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 1 Court: Campbell J, Dunningham J, Andrew J	Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom LG1 Court: Palmer J, Robinson J, Harvey J
Tuesday 10 February	<p><u>CA721/2022</u> Lawrence Gordon WHITELAWS (C G Tuck) v The King Conviction &amp; Sentence - Preventive Detention with a minimum period of imprisonment of 12 years Davison J</p>	<p><u>CA577/2024</u> Shontayn Tokorema TARATU (D-M Cross) v The King Counsel to assist the Court: T A Simmonds KC Conviction and Sentence – 9 years 8 months imprisonment Fitzgibbon DCJ [2024] NZDC 18541</p>
	Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom LG1 Court: Campbell J, Dunningham J, Andrew J	Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 2 Court: Palmer J, Robinson J, Harvey J
Wednesday 11 February	<p><u>CA346/2022</u> D (J P R Scott) v The King Conviction and Sentence – 15 years imprisonment de Ridder DCJ</p> <p><u>CA484/2025</u> Thanh Hung PHAM (S N B Wimsett KC) v The King Conviction Sinclair DCJ</p>	<p><u>CA626/2025</u> Josiah JOHNSTON (M J Taylor-Cyphers) v The King Conviction - 11 months' home detention Glub DCJ</p> <p><u>CA488/2025</u> Pei-Tung LEE (C Kan) v The King Sentence – 2 years and 8 months imprisonment Gibson DCJ</p>

	<b>Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 1</b> <b>Court: Campbell J, Dunningham J, Andrew J</b>	<b>Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 2</b> <b>Court: Palmer J, Robinson J, Harvey J</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 12 February	<u><b>CA21/2025</b></u> Stephen Lester Hitchcock (G J Thwaite) v Susan Kerrie Murphy (K E Hogan, B J Lupton, T Sweetman) Johnstone J [2024] NZHC 3607 <i>Appeal from decision awarding only claim to property based on constructive trust or other principles only in part.</i>	<u><b>CA456/2023 &amp; CA794/2024 (to be heard together)</b></u> <u><b>CA456/2023</b></u> George WALKER (G H Vear) v The King Conviction - Life Imprisonment with a minimum period of imprisonment of 11 years and 6 months) <u><b>CA794/2024</b></u> Mercedes GRACE (E T Blincoe) v The King Conviction - Life Imprisonment with a minimum period of imprisonment of 11 years Churchman J  <u><b>CA416/2025</b></u> Zion Shae Montgomery BAKER (J J Rhodes) v The King Conviction and Sentence - 5 years 3 months imprisonment Marinovich DCJ
<b>Friday</b> 13 February		

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Date	Divisional Court – Wellington, Courtroom 2 Court: Campbell J, Dunningham J, Robinson J	Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 2 Court: Courtney J, van Bohemen J, Andrew J
<b>Monday</b> 16 February	<p><b><u>CA154/2025</u></b>  C (S A Saunderson-Warner) v The King  Conviction and Sentence – 13 years imprisonment  Turner DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA518/2025</u></b>  Murtaja Sijad Hani ALBNAYAN (J P Miller) v The King  Sentence – 4 years 4 months imprisonment  Nicholls DCJ [2025] NZDC 16676</p> <p><b><u>CA345/2025</u></b>  M (J C Hannam) v The King  Sentence – Preventive Detention  Boldt J</p>	<p><b><u>CA733/2024</u></b>  Stanley IESE (D A Kemp) v The King  Sentence - 8 years 8 months imprisonment  Dawson DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA63/2025</u></b>  D (T W Luders) v The King  Conviction and Sentence - 10 Years Imprisonment  McDonald DCJ</p>
	<b>Divisional Court – Wellington, Courtroom 1</b> <b>Court: Whata J, Dunningham J, Robinson J</b>	<b>Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 2</b> <b>Court: Courtney J, TBA J, Andrew J</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 17 February	<p><b><u>CA358/2025</u></b>  John MASON (G H Vear) v The King  Sentence – 3 years 1 month imprisonment  Dawson DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA541/2025</u></b>  L (In person) v The King  Conviction and Sentence – 5 years 7 months imprisonment  Harvey DCJ [2025] NZDC 17933</p> <p><b><u>CA286/2025 &amp; CA403/2025 (to be heard together)</u></b>  <b><u>CA286/2025</u></b>  K And Ors (R M Mansfield KC) v The King  Counsel for RNZ &amp; NZME Limited: E D Nilsson  <b><u>CA403/2025</u></b>  J (R M Mansfield KC) v The King  Refusal to Grant Name Suppression  Downs J</p>	<p><b><u>CA664/2024</u></b>  Jason Robert Meadows (In Person) v Colcroft Holdings Limited (H G Holmes)  [2024] NZHC 2592 Whata J  <i>Appeal from decision that vendor not obliged to allow invasive testing under sale and purchase agreement, which was validly cancelled as a consequence.</i></p>
	<b>Divisional Court – Wellington, Courtroom 1</b> <b>Court: Whata J, Dunningham J, Robinson J</b>	<b>Divisional Court – Auckland, Courtroom 2</b> <b>Court: Courtney J, van Bohemen J, Andrew J</b>

<b>Wednesday</b> 18 February	<p><b><u>CA100/2025</u></b> P (N P Bourke) v The King Conviction and Sentence – 8 years imprisonment Greig DCJ [2025] NZDC 17795</p> <p><b><u>CA331/2025</u></b> T (L A Scott) v The King Conviction - 5 years 3 months imprisonment Hobbs P DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA469/2025</u></b> Shannon Douglas TELFAR (T Bamford) v The King Sentence - 8 years imprisonment Rielly DCJ [2025] NZDC 14697</p> <p><b><u>CA510/2025</u></b> Nathan Laurie Timothy TUAITI (A G Speed) v The King Sentence - 8 Years, 3 Months &amp; 14 Days Imprisonment with a Minimum Period of Imprisonment of 4 Years 2 Months Downs J</p>	<p><b><u>CA673/2023</u></b> K (S Brickell) v The King Conviction and Sentence - 9 years 2 months imprisonment Bolstad DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA691/2025</u></b> B (P J Shamy KC) v New Zealand Police Conviction, Sentence &amp; Suppression - Disqualification from driving for 6 months Zohrab DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA199/2025</u></b> Shaun Lee SATHERLEY (A McKenzie) v The King Sentence - 2 years and 5 months imprisonment Zohrab DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA581/2025</u></b> K (S K Green, S-L Litt) v The King Suppression Johnstone J</p>
<b>Thursday</b> 19 February	<p><b><u>CA532/2025</u></b> Michael Joseph CORNWALL (G A Walsh) v The King Sentence - 5 years and 6 months' imprisonment cumulative on CRN: 22063001266 Crayton DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA121/2025</u></b> David Bruce HODGETTS (E J Forster) v The King Sentence - 7 years imprisonment Edwards DCJ</p> <p><b><u>CA411/2025</u></b> Kok-Mun THAM (S J Fraser) v The King Conviction and Sentence – 2 years 4 months imprisonment, and reparation of \$5,000 Hastings DCJ [2025] NZDC 11769</p>	<p><b><u>CA279/2025</u></b> Dong Qian And Anor (K J Crosland, J K Boparory, Z Chen) v Jiaqing Dong And Ors (D J Chisholm KC, J M Phillips, K Morrison, K L Chiu, T D Rea) [2025] NZHC 907 Robinson J <i>Appeal from decision declining to give relief from striking out for failure to comply with unless order.</i></p> <p><b><u>CA374/2023</u></b> Logan Reece MAXWELL (A M M Ives) v The King Sentence - 7 Years, 2 Months Imprisonment Greig DCJ</p>
<b>Friday</b>		

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Session Week: Monday 23 February to Friday 27 February

Date	Permanent Court, Wellington Courtroom 1	Permanent Court, Wellington Courtroom 2
<b>Monday</b> 23 February		
<b>Tuesday</b> 24 February	<b>Court: Katz J, Campbell J, Edwards J</b>  <b>CA381/2023</b> Stephen Lee Thaler (C L Elliott KC, C J Woodroffe) v Commissioner of Patents (S P Connolly, S M Perera) <b>Palmer J</b> [2023] NZHC 554 <i>Whether AI can be a creator for purpose of a patent application</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 February	<b>Court: French P, Palmer J, Collins J</b>  <b>CA55/2024</b> Minister of Education (B A Heenan, S V McKechnie) v Kathleen Cronin-Lampe & Anor (T Braun, E Anderson) Counsel to assist: K F Radich Judge Corkill [2023] NZEmpC 221 <i>Question of Law to consider whether the Employment Court erred in its approach to damages in light of the respondents pre-existing mental injury.</i>	
<b>Thursday</b> 26 February	<b>Court: French P, Palmer J, Collins J</b>  <b>CA55/2024</b> Minister of Education (B A Heenan, S V McKechnie) v Kathleen Cronin-Lampe & Anor (T Braun, E Anderson) Counsel to assist: K F Radich Judge Corkill [2023] NZEmpC 221 <i>Question of Law to consider whether the Employment Court erred in its approach to damages in light of the respondents pre-existing mental injury.</i>	<b>Court: Mallon J, Thomas J, Edwards J</b>  <b>CA412/2025</b> Nelson District Court (K E E Whiting, L E Sinclair, T Lu) v T (In person) Counsel to assist the Court: C A Brook Grau J [2025] NZHC 1440
<b>Friday</b>		