



Supreme Court of New Zealand | Te Kōti Mana Nui o Aotearoa

March 2026

<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>  Winkelmann CJ Ellen France J Williams J Miller J Cooke J	<b>SC 30/2025</b>  <b>Tracey Ida Peka as personal representative of the estate of Ida Hawkins</b> <i>N M Pender, G P McLay and G J Haszard</i>  <b>V</b>  <b>Sam Te Hei</b> <i>B J R Keith and A C Singleton</i>  Civil Appeal Hearing
<b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b>	The approved questions are: (a) whether the Court of Appeal was correct to allow the appeal and dismiss the cross-appeal; and (b) whether the Court of Appeal was correct to refer Mrs Hawkins' claim back to the Victims' Special Claims Tribunal for reconsideration in light of its judgment.
<b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b>	<a href="#">PEKA AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF IDA HAWKINS v TE HEI [2025] NZSC 108 [25 August 2025]</a>
<b>Court of Appeal decision</b>	<a href="#">[2025] NZCA 32</a>
<b>High Court decision</b>	<a href="#">TE HEI v HAWKINS [2022] NZHC 3170 [30 November 2022]</a>

<p><b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b></p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Ellen France J Kós J Miller J Cooke J</p>	<p><b>SC 51/2025</b></p> <p><b>T (SC 51/2025)</b> <i>J N Olsen and A Gruebner</i></p> <p><b>V</b></p> <p><b>The King</b> <i>M J Lillico, J M Pridgeon and D Lye</i></p> <p>Criminal Appeal Hearing</p>
<p><b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b></p>	<p>The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeal against conviction.</p>
<p><b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#">T (SC 51/2025) v R [2025] NZSC 117 [12 September 2025]</a></p>
<p><b>Court of Appeal decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#">[2025] NZCA 136</a></p>

<p><b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b></p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Ellen France J Kós J Miller J Cooke J</p>	<p><b>SC 114/2025</b></p> <p><b>Brian Timothy Mahoney</b> <i>J E L Carruthers</i></p> <p><b>V</b></p> <p><b>The King</b> <i>M J Lillico, J M Pridgeon and D Lye</i></p> <p>Criminal Appeal Hearing</p>
<p><b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b></p>	<p>The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeal against conviction.</p>
<p><b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>MAHONEY v R [2025] NZSC 187 [5 December 2025]</u></a></p>
<p><b>Court of Appeal decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>MAHONEY v R [2025] NZCA 490 [24 September 2025]</u></a></p>

<p><b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b></p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Williams J Kós J Miller J Cooke J</p> <p><b>Venue: Christchurch High Court, Courtroom 12</b></p>	<p><b>SC 97/2025</b></p> <p><b>Nigel David Rimmer and Nicola Rimmer</b> <i>V T M Bruton KC and L S B Acland</i></p> <p><b>V</b></p> <p><b>Carolyn Mary Wilton as administrator of the estate of David Rimmer</b> <i>S P H Elliot and H K Gladwell</i></p> <p>Civil Appeal Hearing</p>
<p><b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b></p>	<p>The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeal.</p>
<p><b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>RIMMER v WILTON [2025] NZSC 150 [31 October 2025]</u></a></p>
<p><b>Court of Appeal decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>RIMMER v WILTON [2025] NZCA 374 [30 July 2025]</u></a></p>

<p><b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b></p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Ellen France J Williams J Miller J Cooke J</p> <p><b>Venue: Christchurch High Court, Courtroom 12</b></p>	<p><b>SC 88/2025</b></p> <p><b>Maxwell Richard Allen Parore</b> <i>T J Conder</i></p> <p><b>V</b></p> <p><b>Attorney-General</b> <i>A M Powell and A B Goosen</i></p> <p>Civil Appeal Hearing</p>
<b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b>	The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to allow the appeal.
<b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b>	<a href="#"><u>PARORE v ATTORNEY-GENERAL [2025] NZSC 185 [2 December 2025]</u></a>
<b>Court of Appeal decision</b>	<a href="#"><u>ATTORNEY-GENERAL v PARORE [2025] NZCA 328 [16 July 2025]</u></a>
<b>High Court decision</b>	<a href="#"><u>PARORE v THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL [2023] NZHC 1010 [1 May 2023]</u></a>

<p><b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026</b></p> <p>Ellen France J Williams J Kós J Miller J Cooke J</p>	<p><b>SC 110/2025</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Mulford</b> <i>N M Dutch</i></p> <p><b>V</b></p> <p><b>The King</b> <i>R K Thomson</i></p> <p>Criminal Appeal Hearing</p>
<b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b>	The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeal against conviction.
<b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b>	<a href="#"><u>MULFORD v R [2025] NZSC 194 [19 December 2025]</u></a>
<b>Court of Appeal decision</b>	<a href="#"><u>R v MULFORD [2025] NZHC 249 [21 February 2025]</u></a>
<b>High Court decision</b>	<a href="#"><u>MULFORD v R [2025] NZCA 444 [2 September 2025]</u></a>

Judges as seen from public seating

**10 March 2026**

The Hon Justice Miller	The Hon Justice Ellen France	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Williams	The Hon Justice Cooke
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**12 - 13 March 2026**

The Hon Justice Miller	The Hon Justice Ellen France	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Kós	The Hon Justice Cooke
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**17 March 2026**

The Hon Justice Miller	The Hon Justice Williams	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Kós	The Hon Justice Cooke
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**19 March 2026**

The Hon Justice Miller	The Hon Justice Ellen France	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Williams	The Hon Justice Cooke
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**31 March 2026**

The Hon Justice Miller	The Hon Justice Williams	The Hon Justice Ellen France	The Hon Justice Kós	The Hon Justice Cooke
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Normal sitting hours: 10.00am – 11.30am, 11.45am – 1.00pm, 2.15pm – 4.00pm