

# Te Reo Māori for the Courtroom



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He rōia ahau.

I am a lawyer.



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Tēnā, e te Kōti, ...

May it please the Court, ...



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Tēnā, e te Kaiwhakawā, ...

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E whakakanohi ana ahau  
i a *[ingoa]*.

I appear for *[name]*.



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Ko taku kiritaki tērā,  
ko *[ingoa]*.

That is my client (over there), *[name]*.



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Ka mātua i konā te kēhi  
mō *[ingoa]*

That completes the case for *[name]*.



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Kua pau katoa āku pātai  
i tēnei wā.

No further questions at this time.



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Tēnā, tukuna ahau kia haere.

I seek Your Honour's leave to be excused.



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Ka mātua aku tāpaetanga  
i tēnā.

Those are counsel's submissions.



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Me mātua whakaae  
te Kōti ...

The Court must first be satisfied that ...



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E tū ngātahi ana māua  
ko *[ingoa]*, taku pou whirinaki  
mō tēnei kerēme.

I am accompanied by my learned Junior, *[name]*.



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