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Bryce is a barrister, facilitator and mediator based in Tāmaki Makaurau, where he lives with his wife and young whānau. Admitted in 2010, he holds an LLB and a BA (Political Science) from the University of Canterbury, and an LLM (International Law, First Class Hons) from the University of Auckland.

He specialises in kaupapa Māori legal issues, human rights, trusts and governance, and public law. He appears in all senior courts, the Māori Land Court (MLC) and Māori Appellate Court, and specialist jurisdictions including the Waitangi Tribunal. Access to justice is central to his mahi: he is approved to provide civil legal aid across each of these jurisdictions, and accepts appointments under the MLC Special Aid Fund.

The Māori Land Court regularly appoints Bryce to facilitate resolution of Māori whenua, reservation, and trust disputes. He also appears as counsel for parties in mediation, acting for claimants in Waitangi Tribunal-directed mediation with the Crown, and in private property and governance disputes. He has completed the AMINZ Mediation Skills Intensive and is available for appointment as a private mediator.

Bryce is an elected member of the Auckland Branch Council of the New Zealand Law Society (NZLS). He also sits on the NZLS Public and Administrative Law Committee, and the Ministry of Justice MLC and Waitangi Tribunal Legal Aid Provider Selection Committee. He serves on the committee of Lawyers for Climate Action NZ Inc, which works to use the law to drive effective climate action.

He regularly presents to other lawyers and professionals, recently a presentation for lawyers on the Takutai Moana Act, and to ASPIRE on Treaty Principles reform as a part of their 'Achieving a Tupeka Kore Aotearoa' webinar. He has also published academic articles on atmospheric trust litigation in Aotearoa, and on the Takutai Moana Act.

Outside practice, Bryce is studying te reo Māori, he once represented New Zealand as an age group cyclist, and enjoys solving tricky issues, whether in law or speed-solving a Rubik's Cube.

RECENT CASE EXAMPLES

Civil Litigation

- *Whakatōhea Kotahitanga Waka (Edwards) v Te Kāhui (No 2)* [2025] NZSC 104; [2025] 1 NZLR 739
- *Estate of Eric John Tupai Ruru v Attorney-General* [2025] NZCA 597
- *Re Taueki CMT* [2025] NZHC 1488
- *Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc v Taueki* [2025] NZCA 480
- *Estate of Ruru v Attorney-General* [2026] NZSC 79
- *National Standards Committee 2 v A and B* [2026] NZLCDT 27

Māori Land Court and Appellate Court

- *Toatoa v Toatoa* (2025) 125 TTK 38
- *Te Komiti Matua o te Hāhi Rātana - s 30* Application 524 Aotea MB 265
- *Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust v Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board* (2026) 303 WMMB 30
- *Povey v Diamond - Otakanini L* (2026) 308 TTK 155
- *Rangitoto Tuhua 33C3B4B1D2* (2026) Māori Appellate Court MB 440
- *Bevin v Winders (rehearing)* (2026) Chief Judge's MB 939

Waitangi Tribunal (counsel for claimants in following reports)

- *The Mangatū Remedies Report 2021* (Wai 814, 2021)
- *The Report on the CPTPP* (Wai 2522, 2021)
- *Motiti: Report on the Te Mouhere o Motiti Inquiry* (Wai 2521, 2022)
- *Kāinga Kore: Māori Homelessness* (Wai 2750, 2023)
- *The Takutai Moana Act 2011 Urgent Inquiry Stage 2 Report* (Wai 3400, 2025)
- *Tino Rangatiratanga me te Kāwanatanga: Stage 2 of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry, Part II* (Wai 1040, 2025)
- *Te Tinihanga o ngā Mātāpono: Treaty Principles Reform* (Wai 3565, 2026)