



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

February 2025

<p><b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b></p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Glazebrook J Ellen France J Williams J Miller J</p>	<p><b>SC 110/2024</b></p> <p><b>Solicitor-General's Reference (No 1 of 2024) from CA441/2023 ([2024] NZCA 318)</b> <i>M F Laracy and Z R Johnston</i></p> <p><i>S J Shamy as counsel assisting the Court</i></p> <p>Solicitor-General's reference</p>
<p><b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b></p>	<p>We grant leave to the Solicitor-General to refer the following questions of law (arising from <i>Nikoloff v R</i> [2024] NZCA 318) to this Court under s 317 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011:</p> <p>Was the defect in the leave given on behalf of the Attorney-General able to be remedied or rectified by the instrument of ratification?</p> <p>Was the trial at which Mr Nikoloff was convicted a nullity?</p>
<p><b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#">SOLICITOR-GENERAL'S REFERENCE (NO 1 OF 2024) [2024] NZSC 160 [27 November 2024]</a></p>
<p><b>Court of Appeal decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Not publicly available</a></p>
<p><b>High Court decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Not publicly available</a></p>

<p><b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b></p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Glazebrook J Williams J Kós J Miller J</p>	<p><b>SC 48/2024</b></p> <p><b>Tristan Lee Tamati</b> <i>J E L Carruthers and S J Bird</i></p> <p><b>V</b></p> <p><b>The King</b> <i>M F Laracy and A J Ewing</i></p> <p>Criminal Appeal Hearing</p>
<p><b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b></p>	<p>The approved questions are as follows: (a) whether errors by trial counsel may have occasioned a miscarriage of justice; and (b) whether in the circumstances a reliability warning was required.</p>
<p><b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#">TAMATI v R [2024] NZSC 91 [2 August 2024]</a></p>
<p><b>Court of Appeal decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#">TAMATI v R [2024] NZCA 113 [16 April 2024]</a></p>
<p><b>High Court decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Not publicly available</a></p>

<p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b></p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Glazebrook J Ellen France J Williams J Kós J Miller J</p>	<p><b>SC 31/2024</b></p> <p><b>Koro Putua</b> <i>A S Butler KC and M D N Harris</i></p> <p><b>V</b></p> <p><b>Attorney-General</b> <i>D Jones and O Kiel</i></p> <p><b>Human Rights Commission as Intervener</b> <i>R A Kirkness and D T Haradasa</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 allow the appeal.</p>
<p><b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>KORO PUTUA v ATTORNEY-GENERAL [2024] NZSC 92 [1 August 2024]</u></a></p>
<p><b>Court of Appeal decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>ATTORNEY-GENERAL v PUTUA [2024] NZCA 67 [21 March 2024]</u></a></p>
<p><b>High Court decision</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>PUTUA v ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF NZ [2022] NZHC 2277 [7 September 2022]</u></a></p>

Judges as seen from public seating

**18 February 2025**

The Hon Justice Williams	The Hon Justice Glazebrook	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Ellen France	The Hon Justice Miller
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**25 February 2025**

The Hon Justice Kós	The Hon Justice Glazebrook	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Williams	The Hon Justice Miller
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**27 – 28 February 2025**

The Hon Justice Williams	The Hon Justice Glazebrook	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Ellen France	The Hon Justice Miller
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Normal sitting hours: 10.00am – 11.30am, 11.45am – 1.00pm, 2.15pm – 4.00pm