

# Te Reo Māori for the Courtroom

He rōia ahau.

I am a lawyer.

Tēnā, e te Kōti, ...

May it please the Court, ...

E whakakanohi ana ahau  
i a [ingoa].

I appear for [name].

Tēnā, e te Kaiwhakawā, ...

May it please Your Honour, ...

Ko taku kiritaki tērā,  
ko [ingoa].

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

Kua pau katoa  
āku pātai i tēnei wā.

No further questions at this time.

Me mātua whakaae  
te Kōti ...

The Court must first be satisfied that ...

Ka mātua i konā  
te kēhi mō [ingoa].

That completes the case for [name].



Ka mātua aku tāpaetanga  
i tēnā.

Those are counsel's submissions.

Tēnā, tukuna ahau kia haere.

I seek Your Honour's leave to be excused.

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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