



Stephanie Ngahuia Northey

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws, University of Otago

BIOGRAPHY

Stephanie Ngahuia Northey is Māori from the of tribes of Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Tukorehe and Ngāi Te Rangi in Aotearoa New Zealand.

She is a graduate of the University of Otago and has been practising as a lawyer since 2007. She is a partner at the Law Firm Kāhui Legal. Kāhui Legal is a specialist law firm working at the forefront of Māori development with unparalleled experience and expertise in legal issues that affect Māori and the interface between iwi and Māori organisations and the Crown, local government and other entities. Prior to joining Kāhui Legal, Stephanie was the director of another Law Firm.

Stephanie is an experienced litigator, but practises particularly in the jurisdiction of Family and Mental Health Law and all other litigation dealing with matters that impact whanau (family.) Much of which is funded by Legal Aid Services under the Ministry of Justice.

Stephanie is a court appointed lawyer who represents children and vulnerable people in her community. She is also a member of the panel of lawyers approved to undertake work for the Central Authority (Ministry of Justice) in relation to applications under the Hague Convention on international Child Abduction and for the International Recovery of Maintenance.

Stephanie was formerly a member of the New Zealand Law Society, Family Law Section executive where she was the Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa (Māori Law Society) representative. During her time in this role Stephanie wrote submissions for law reform in New Zealand on matters impacting Tamariki Māori (Māori children) importantly drawing attention to the fact that Māori are disproportionately represented throughout the Justice System in Aotearoa.