



KFW Tauria Māori Clerkship

Kayes Fletcher Walker is looking for Summer Clerks to work alongside our KFW whānau. You will gain experience in a wide range of criminal law issues. The role is full-time for 10 to 12 weeks during the 2026 / 2027 summer in Manukau.

Ko wai mātou?

Who are we?

Kayes Fletcher Walker was established in 2014. The firm became the Office of the Manukau Crown Solicitor with Natalie Walker's appointment to that role in May 2015. We have around 40 lawyers and 15 support staff.

We specialise in criminal litigation. As the Office of the Manukau Crown Solicitor, we are responsible for the prosecution of serious crime in the South Auckland region. This includes representing the Crown in cases involving murder, manslaughter, sexual violence, serious violence including family harm, drug offending, and property crimes.

As a firm we are community-minded, collaborative and diligent. We have built a Crown Solicitor's office that reflects its community, and endeavours to prosecute crime firmly but fairly, working to provide a timely service without compromise to principle or quality. Our aim is to do publicly important work to the highest standard.

He aha te kaupapa?

What is the programme?

The KFW Tauria Māori Clerkship is a 10-to-12-week programme (depending on your other commitments) running annually over summer from around November to February. The start date is flexible.

The programme is designed to enable Māori law students the chance to gain valuable experience and a unique insight into the criminal justice system, and the role and work of Crown prosecutors.

Through the programme, clerks will have the chance to contribute to work that is of importance to the community and to learn from experienced criminal lawyers. Although it is difficult mahi, it is also rewarding, and our staff (including our tauria) are supported to do it well.

For us, the programme is an opportunity to invest in the professional development of future rōia Māori and legal leaders with, who have an interest in criminal law.

Te whiwhinga mahi

The opportunity

We are seeking summer clerks to join our Manukau office. The candidate will receive invaluable insight into litigation practice, working alongside our directors and lawyers by undertaking legal research and writing, learning to assess evidential sufficiency in criminal cases, and developing an

understanding of the responsibilities of a prosecutor and the complexities of trial preparation towards and management.

They will have the opportunity to observe criminal proceedings of varying kinds, including jury trials in the District or High Courts, and to participate in relevant internal and external meetings, and to provide day-to-day support to our legal staff.

Ka whiwhi koe i te aha?

What are the benefits?

- A competitive salary
- Assistance with travel and accommodation costs for those coming from outside Tāmaki Makaurau
- Paid holiday leave over Christmas
- Real work that contributes to the community
- Tuakana/teina support
- Research/writing skills
- Free social events with the firm

Ko wai koe

About you

Our 2026/27 clerkship programme is aimed at Māori law students in their penultimate or final year of study.

We are looking for applicants who are committed to te ao Māori, who demonstrate a strong sense of purpose, well-rounded technical skills, community spirit and enthusiasm.

Tono mai

Applications

If you are interested in applying, please visit our website www.kfw.co.nz for an application form and how to apply.

Applications close on **10 April 2026**. We will shortlist applications and have a kōrero either in person or via Zoom in mid-late April with offers being sent out in May.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hine Watts or Jazmine Cassidy, our tuākana Māori (ngā rōia) in charge of the programme — hine@kfw.co.nz; jazmine@kfw.co.nz