

End of year message from the PJSP team

As we approach the end of our first year as the Pacific Justice Sector Programme, we would like to thank you for all your support and engagement. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you in the new year.

The PJSP team is heading into the holiday break period so won't be available from 23 December until 9 January 2023. For those who are also having a break during this time, we wish you a relaxing time with your loved ones. — Ngā mihi nui koutou (*thank you all very much*)

Welcome for the Deputy Director of PJSP Toli Sagaga

On 4 October the team welcomed Toli Sagaga to PJSP as the new Deputy Director with a mihi whakatau held in the Supreme Court complex. The ceremony commenced with an opening prayer from Reverend Salafai Mika QSM, followed by welcome speeches from Honourable Judge Malosi, Principal Youth Court Judge, Te Kura PJSP Director Janine McIntosh, Honourable Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban, Pasifika community leader. Toli's sister Karen Sagaga responded concluding with a pese Samoa.

Toli is one of five siblings of Samoan parents Vaiula Fatialofa (Lēpā) and Vatau Sagaga (Matāfagatele Moataa) who migrated to New Zealand in the 1960's settling in Wainuiomata, Te Awakairangi.

Toli commenced her legal career in 2000 in a small family law practice, moving to criminal law working with high profile criminal barrister, the late Greg King. She also worked in the UK as a childcare and protection legal adviser at Kent County Council.



Toli has used her legal skills and Pasifika knowledge in various roles involving Pasifika engagement including private secretary for the Minister for Pacific Peoples, secretariat for the Advisory Group for the Minister for Pacific Peoples, member of the Senior Pacific Advisors Group for the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care, member of the Government Legal Network's Increasing Māori and Pāsifika Lawyers in Government project.



University of the South Pacific Scholarships for 2023

PJSP is now accepting expressions of interest (EOI) from individuals wanting to begin or complete studies for the Certificate of Justice and the Diploma of Justice in 2023. More information, including the EOI form, is available on our [website](#).

We will be reviewing the Certificate and Diploma courses in 2023 to ensure they continue to meet the objectives of the programme and satisfy the needs of participating Pacific Island countries.

International Organisation for Judicial Training Conference 2022

The 10th International Organisation for Judicial Training (IOJT) Conference was hosted by the National Judicial Institute of Canada in Ottawa from 30 October to 3 November 2022. This biennial event brought together a talented group of judicial educators from 55 countries.

The programme prioritised two themes:

- effective judicial education focusing on training that assists judges in understanding the diverse realities and circumstances of the people before them and the context of the communities in which they sit; and
- the use of technology since the pandemic propelled judicial training into the digital realm.

Te Kura Kaiwhakawā/Institute of Judicial Studies NZ (domestic and Pacific), teamed up with colleagues from PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence and the Judicial Commission New South Wales to run a two-hour workshop on teaching judges about access to justice issues for vulnerable communities. Participants were particularly interested in examples of Pacific initiatives.

Further information on the conference and the work of the International Organisation for Judicial Training is available [here](#).



From left: Peter Michael of PNGCJE, Elisabeth McDonald, Deputy Director Curriculum Design & Delivery, Te Kura Kaiwhakawā, Tongia Kekebogi of PNGCJE, Janine McIntosh, Director Te Kura Kaiwhakawā Pacific Justice Sector Programme, His Honour Justice Colin MaKail of the Supreme Court PNG, and Una Doyle, CEO of the Judicial Commission of NSW, Australia



Mentoring – a postcard from Vanuatu



Justice Viran Molisa Trief, Judge Harrop and Magistrate Florence Sam

The PJSP [mentoring programme](#) aims to support the development of the judiciary by matching mentees with mentors to empower and maximise skills and performance.

While in Vanuatu Judge Harrop took the opportunity to meet up with Senior Magistrate Hannaline Nalau Ilo. Now that he has returned to New Zealand, they have commenced their formal mentoring relationship. A great way to start! Judge Harrop also caught up with Justice Viran Molisa Trief and Magistrate Florence Sam.



Judge Harrop and Senior Magistrate Hannaline Nalau Ilo

Family Protection Orders webinar – available online

In October 2022 Te Kura PJSP held the regional webinar “Family Protection Orders: How they could be just a couple of phone calls away...”.

Building on Pacific and global experience of remote court procedures, the webinar considered telephone-based court processes for interim protection orders. Panellists discussed what these processes might look like and possible solutions to obstacles.

Thank you to our faculty for their valuable contributions and insights:

- Chief Justice Lunabek of Vanuatu
- Justice Rudimch of Palau
- Judge Saaga of Samoa
- Magistrate Langi of Tonga

Watch the webinar on the PJSP website [here](#) using the password **PJSP**.

