

# AIJA Indigenous Youth Justice Conference

Keynote Speaker – Day 2



## Judge Louis Bidois

**District Court of New Zealand and  
Lead Rangatahi (Maori Youth) Court**

I have been a District Court Judge for over 20 years, presiding in the criminal and youth jurisdictions, after practising as a criminal lawyer for 20 years. I have held positions on a number of judicial committees and have been responsible for organising and presenting a judicial education seminars and conferences.

I have been involved in representing the judiciary at a governmental level on law reform, the drivers of crime and the social impacts of alcohol and drugs.

As a Judge, I have presented at international conferences on a range of matters including indigenous rights, domestic violence, the criminal justice process, and other related topics. I have been involved in the establishment of an preside over Te Kooti Rangatahi, a judicially led Youth court process held on Māori marae. I am current Lead TKR Judge.

I am a panel convenor on the New Zealand Parole Board which considers whether sentenced prisoners should be released on parole.

Outside the judiciary I sit on marae based trusts and committees and help out at the marae.