

Tama Hovell**Professional Qualifications**

LLB Auckland

Key Areas of Experience

Environmental and Resource Management

Public and Local Government Law

Maori Legal Issues



Tama worked for over seven years at Russell McVeagh prior to joining Atkins Holm Majurey in July 2009. Tama specialises in environmental, resource management and Maori issues and has been involved in a number of major resource consenting projects (including Awhitu and Kaiwera Downs wind farms, the Wairau Hydro Power Scheme, the Tongariro Power Development, the Rodney Power Station and the Tasman Pulp & Paper Mills).

Tama has provided advice and been involved in negotiating land issues between corporate entities and iwi land owners. Tama has provided advice on development in outstanding natural landscape areas, and a range of large infrastructure developments. Tama has also provided advice on approvals for electricity and telecommunications infrastructure within transport corridors.

Tama has appeared as co-counsel in the Environment Court, High Court, Court of Appeal, and Supreme Court and as counsel in the Waitangi Tribunal National Park inquiry. Tama appeared before the select committee for the Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Bill.

Tama has advised a wide range of clients on national and regional policy and planning instruments as well as district plans. He has undertaken large due diligence projects in a range of industries (including electricity generation, forestry, coal mining, oil exploration) and advised clients on Maori land and Treaty issues and environmental / resource management issues.

Tama was a co-author of the Maori Values Supplement for the Making Good Decisions Commissioner Training course and presented a number of seminars on the Supplement in a number of locations throughout the country.

Tama is involved in advising the Independent Maori Statutory Board (set up under the Auckland Council legislation) on a range of extremely complex governance and establishment issues. Tama is also involved in advising Maori corporate entities and iwi

authorities in recognising their interests in regional and district policy and in resource consent applications.

Tama is of Ngai Te Rangi, Ngati Porou, Ngati Tamatera and Nga Puhi descent.

Examples of work

- Ministry for the Environment (Maori Values supplement for Making Good Decisions Commissioner Training course)
- Genesis Energy (Variety of resource management consenting and planning issues)
- Papakura District Council (Rural Plan Change 13 appeals)
- Maori Statutory Board (Various legal issues)
- Noske Skog (Re-consenting of Tasman Pulp and Paper Mill)
- Todd Property (Maori land access issues)