



Legal Services  
Agency

*Pokapū Ratonga Ture*

*If your case is going to continue*  
can you get a legal  
aid lawyer?



HELPING PEOPLE ACCESS JUSTICE

**A legal aid lawyer is available only if you can't afford a lawyer and your case is serious enough. You can choose your own legal aid lawyer if you already know one, or the Legal Services Agency can choose one for you.**

***The lawyer must generally:***

- be registered as a legal aid lawyer
- be available to represent you
- be based near the court where your case is to be heard
- be able to appear at court when needed
- have the right experience to deal with your case.

The lawyer on duty who helped you at your first court appearance cannot offer to be your lawyer and they cannot recommend another legal aid lawyer they know for you.

***To find a lawyer you can:***

- ask around your friends, family/whanau
- go to your nearest community law centre (look in the telephone book)
- ask at the nearest Legal Services Agency office (look in the telephone book) or go to [www.lsa.govt.nz](http://www.lsa.govt.nz) to search for a legal aid lawyer in your area.