



Justice Colin Makail

Justice Colin Makail is a Judge of the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea. He is from Papua New Guinea and married with three children and a Christian by faith.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Papua New Guinea in 1993 and admitted to the Bar in November 1994. In 1995, he commenced practice as a Legal Officer in the Office of the Solicitor-General, Department of Justice and Attorney-General. He represented the Independent State of Papua New Guinea in numerous civil claims brought by and against the State during his term as counsel in the Office of the Solicitor-General. In early 1999, he was seconded to the Australian law firm of Mallesons Stephen Jacques at its Sydney office for three months in commercial law, contract law and banking and finance law practice. From late 1999 to 2002, he was Associate in the local law firm of Murray & Associates Lawyers, specialising in civil and commercial litigation. From 2003 to 2007 he was Senior Associate in the commercial law firm of O'Briens Lawyers in its litigation practice in Port Moresby.

In 2008, he was appointed an Acting Judge of the National Court and served for one year at Mt Hagen National Court in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. In 2009, he was made a permanent Judge of the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea. He served as one of the resident judges at Mt Hagen National Court until 2013 when he returned to Port Moresby. He was formerly the Judge Administrator of Election Petitions and currently the Judge Administrator of State Claims Court in the National Court.

He has sat on numerous appeals, reviews and constitutional references in the Supreme Court. He is a passionate advocate of effective case management and trial advocacy.