

Sentencing Tracker Analytics

Sentencing Tracker Analytics is a searchable collection of sentencing cases, both reported and unreported, that offers interactive analytical information.

Sentencing Tracker helps you provide your clients with realistic expectations in terms of probable outcomes for their situation, including likelihood and/or length of a prison sentence.

Sentencing Tracker quickly identifies sentencing ranges for criminal offences, focusing on the principal offence. You can search for sentencing factors such as mitigating or aggravating factors including previous convictions, age of victim, and other key factors that could influence the outcome.

Where are the Trackers located?

The trackers are accessible from three locations within Westlaw (New Zealand):

1. Under Tracker Analytics on the home page.
2. Specialty areas > Trackers on the home page.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw New Zealand home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Westlaw logo, region selection (New Zealand), and user account information. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter terms, citations, databases, questions, anything ...".

The main content area is divided into three sections: Content types, Practice areas, and Tools. The Specialty areas section is also visible. In the Tracker Analytics section, the Sentencing Tracker is highlighted with a red box and a red circle containing the number 1. In the Specialty areas section, the Trackers link is highlighted with a red box and a red circle containing the number 2.

The Tracker Analytics section includes the following items:

- Tracker Analytics
 - Criminal
 - Sentencing Tracker
 - Employment
 - Personal Grievance Tracker
 - OSH Tracker
 - Personal Injury
 - Accident Compensation Tracker
 - Environment & Resources
 - Resource Management Tracker

The Specialty areas section includes the following items:

- International Materials
- NewsRoom
- Trackers

- In the Criminal practice area page, click the Practice areas tab > select Criminal > select Sentencing Tracker from Tools on the right.

THOMSON REUTERS
WESTLAW Region: New Zealand

MATTER NUMBER 1234 History Folders Favourites Notifications

Criminal Search Criminal Search Tips > Advanced >

Home
Criminal

☆ Add to Favourites Set as start page Copy link

Search all Criminal above or navigate to specific content below.

Criminal Resources

Select all content No items selected Clear Selection Specify content to search

Cases Secondary Sources

Legislation A to Z of New Zealand Law

News & Current Awareness Forms & Precedents

Tools

Sentencing Tracker 3

NewsRoom

Drafting Assistant Essential

Featured Publications

Misuse of Drugs

Criminal Procedure - A to Z of New Zealand Law

Locate the Sentencing Tracker Guideline Judgments

Sentencing Tracker Guideline Judgments are displayed on the Sentencing Tracker Analytics landing page.

- Click the link to display the list of Guideline Judgments.

THOMSON REUTERS
WESTLAW Region: New Zealand

MATTER NUMBER 1234 History Folders Favourites Notifications

Tracker Analytics

Accident Compensation OSH Personal Grievance Resource Management **Sentencing**

Principal Offence

Select a principal offence Go

1 Guideline Judgments

- Click on the case name to open the full text of the judgment.

Guideline Judgments
STGUIDEL 511860041 • Sentencing Tracker Guideline Judgments • Sentencing Tracker Guideline Judgments • NZ (Approx. 6 pages)

Document

§

Sentencing Tracker Guideline Judgments (online ed, Thomson Reuters) at [Guideline Judgments]

Sentencing Tracker Guideline Judgments

Guideline Judgments

Building Act 1991

Wilson v Fowler 16/3/99, Giles J, HC Auckland, AP203/98

2

Commerce Act 1986

s 27 - entering contracts to lessen competition

Commerce Commission v New Zealand Milk Corporation [1994] 2 NZLR 730

How to locate a Principal Offence

Begin your tracker research by selecting the required principal offence from the list provided on the Tracker Analytics page

- Click **Sentencing** then select a Principal Offence classification from the drop-down list, e.g., Illicit Drug Offences.
- Select **Go**.

Tracker Analytics

Accident Compensation
OSH
Personal Grievance
Resource Management
Sentencing

Principal Offence

1

Illicit Drug Offences

Select a principal offence
 Abduction, Harassment and Other Offences Against the Person
 Acts Intended to Cause Injury
 Dangerous or Negligent Acts Endangering Persons
 Fraud, Deception and Related Offences
 Homicide and Related Offences

Illicit Drug Offences

 Miscellaneous Offences
 Offences against Justice Procedures, Government Security and Government Operations
 Organised Crime Offences
 Prohibited and Regulated Weapons and Explosives Offences

Go 2

Navigating the Sentencing Tracker Analytics Page

1. Search within judgments will search the full text of the cases included in the Tracker results list.
2. Filter by Category
 - a. Selecting and applying multiple categories will narrow your results.
 - b. Applying multiple options within a category will expand your results.
3. The Data Visualisation provides the ability to see trends quickly.
 - a. **Related offences** provide information about the minimum, median, and maximum sentences in cases with various related offences.
 - b. **Appeal outcome** provides insights into whether the sentence in cases that have been appealed has been upheld, reduced, increased, or quashed. The **Appeal outcome** data visualisation is interactive and can be used to filter results.
4. Tracker Summaries

The tracker summary outlines the offences, plea, custodial or non-custodial sentence details, and any aggravating or mitigating factors that the Judge considered when determining the sentence.

The screenshot displays the Westlaw Sentencing Tracker Analytics interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the Thomson Reuters Westlaw logo, the region set to 'New Zealand', and the matter number '1234'. The main content area is titled 'Illicit Drug Offences analytics' and features a sidebar on the left for filtering. The sidebar includes a search box (1) and a 'Filter by category' section (2) with various options like 'Principal Offence', 'Related Offence', 'Attempt', 'Conspiracy', 'Party To', 'Aggravating Factors', 'Mitigating Factors', 'Plea', 'Sentence', 'Previous Convictions', 'Appeal', 'Existing Sentence', 'Offender Age', 'Offender Sex', and 'Victim Age'. The main content area has tabs for 'Related offences' and 'Appeal outcome' (3). Below the tabs is a horizontal bar chart showing sentence ranges for various offence categories. At the bottom, there is a 'Tracker summaries (3,476)' section (4) with a list of cases, including 'Tang v R' and 'R v Walker-Haturini'.

Refining Results

The **Search within judgments** field provides the ability to refine results by keywords related to your client’s matter. The search will deliver results where the keywords appear in the full judgment text.

1. Enter the keywords into the search within judgments field, e.g., methamphetamine. Click **search**.
Note: Boolean connectors and expanders can be used.

Home > Sentencing Tracker > Results

Illicit Drug Offences analytics

Related offences | Appeal outcome | median sentence

Offence Category	Median Sentence	Max Sentence
Illicit Drug Offences	4 years	Life max
Prohibited and Regulated Weapons and Explosives Offences	4 years 6 months	Life max
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	6 years	Life max
Organised Crime Offences	6 years 12 months 1 week	28 years 6 months max
Offences against Justice Procedures, Government Security and Government Operations	3 years 3 months	18 years 6 months max

Tracker summaries (3,476)

2. Keywords will be displayed highlighted in yellow in the results list.
Note: To run a new search click **Remove search** and type in the new search terms.

Home > Sentencing Tracker > Results

Illicit Drug Offences analytics

Related offences | Appeal outcome | median sentence

Offence Category	Median Sentence	Max Sentence
Illicit Drug Offences	4 years 3 months	Life max
Prohibited and Regulated Weapons and Explosives Offences	5 years	Life max
Organised Crime Offences	7 years 6 months	28 years 6 months max
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	6 years 4 months	20 years max
Offences against Justice Procedures, Government Security and Government Operations	3 years 6 months	18 years 6 months max

Tracker summaries (2,114)

1 - 100 > Sort: Date: newest to oldest

1. **Tang v R** Judgment
Court of Appeal - 23 June 2021 - [2021] NZCA 266 - 2021 WL 2661131

Principal offences: Illicit Drug Offences — Deal or traffic in illicit drugs — Class A, Illicit Drug Offences — Deal or traffic in illicit drugs — Class B

Related offences: Illicit Drug Offences — Other illicit drug offences — Possess equipment or utensils for use of illicit drugs, Illicit Drug Offences — Possess and/or use illicit drugs — Possess illicit drugs — Class A

Sentence: 12 years

Judgment:

...immaterial, of supplying a total of 1.6 kg of **methamphetamine**;2Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, s 6(1)(four charges of possessing a total of 161 g of **methamphetamine** for supply;3Section 6(1)(f) and (2)(aephedrine,4Section 6(1)(c) and (2)(b) possessing **methamphetamine**5Section 7(1)(a) and (2) and possessing utensils

Refining results using filters

To further refine the results, you can apply a filter or select multiple filters. You may choose to select multiple categories as well as subcategories from the options provided.

In the example below we have selected to refine results relating to manufacturing Class A drugs.

1. Click on the + sign to expand the **Principal Offence** filter and expand **Illicit Drug Offence**.
2. Click on the + sign next to **Manufacture or cultivate illicit drugs**, then expand **Manufacture illicit drugs**.
3. Then tick **Class A** to refine results.

Filter

Select multiple

Search within judgments

Remove search

Filter by category

Principal Offence —

Illicit Drug Offences 3,051

Possess and/or use illicit drugs 998

Deal or traffic in illicit drugs 912

Manufacture or cultivate illicit drugs 579

Manufacture illicit drugs 468

Class A 401

Class B 52

Class C 3

Cultivate illicit drugs 72

Other illicit drug offences 292

Import or export illicit drugs 267

Prohibited and Regulated Weapons and Explosives Offences 142

Home > Sentencing Tracker > Results

Illicit Drug Offences analytics

Related offences
Appeal outcome
median sentence

Offence Category	Median Sentence	Max Sentence
Illicit Drug Offences	4 years 3 months	Life max
Prohibited and Regulated Weapons and Explosives Offences	5 years	Life max
Organised Crime Offences	7 years 6 months	28 years 6 months max
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	6 years 4 months	20 years max
Offences against Justice Procedures, Government Security and Government Operations	3 years 6 months	18 years 6 months max

Show more 0

Tracker summaries (2,114)

1 - 100 > Sort: Date: newest to oldest

1. **Tang v R** Judgment

Court of Appeal • 23 June 2021 • [2021] NZCA 266 • 2021 WL 2661131

Principal offences: Illicit Drug Offences — Deal or traffic in illicit drugs — Class A, Illicit Drug Offences — Deal or traffic in illicit drugs — Class B

Related offences: Illicit Drug Offences — Other illicit drug offences — Possess equipment or utensils for use of illicit drugs, Illicit Drug Offences — Possess and/or use illicit drugs — Possess illicit drugs — Class A

Sentence: 12 years

Judgment:

...immaterial. of supplying a total of 1.6 kg of **methamphetamine**;2Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, s 6(1)(c)four charges of possessing a total of 161 g of **methamphetamine** for supply;3Section 6(1)(f) and (2)(a)ephedrine,4Section 6(1)(c) and (2)(b) possessing **methamphetamine**5Section 7(1)(a) and (2) and possessing utensils

Data Visualisation provides the ability to see trends quickly

1. Click the **Appeal Outcome** tab to display insights into whether the sentence has been upheld, reduced, increased, or quashed.
2. Select **Sentence Upheld** to filter results by appeal outcome.

Home > Sentencing Tracker > Results

Illicit Drug Offences analytics

Related offences **Appeal outcome** 1

Results	Total	Percentage
Sentence Upheld	53	62%
Sentence Reduced	27	31%
Sentence Quashed	4	5%
Sentence Increased	2	2%

Tracker summaries (401)

1 - 100 > Sort: Date: newest to oldest

1. **Harris v R** Judgment
Court of Appeal • 29 April 2021 • [2021] NZCA 143 • 2021 WL 1739740
Principal offences: Illicit Drug Offences — Manufacture or cultivate illicit drugs — Manufacture illicit drugs — Class A, Illicit Drug Offences — Deal or traffic in illicit drugs — Class A

View Tracker Summary

1. Click on the case title to open the tracker summary.

Home > Sentencing Tracker > Results

Illicit Drug Offences analytics

Related offences **Appeal outcome**

All > Sentence Upheld

Results	Total	Percentage
Sentence Upheld	53	100%

Tracker summaries (53)

1 - 53 Sort: Date: newest to oldest

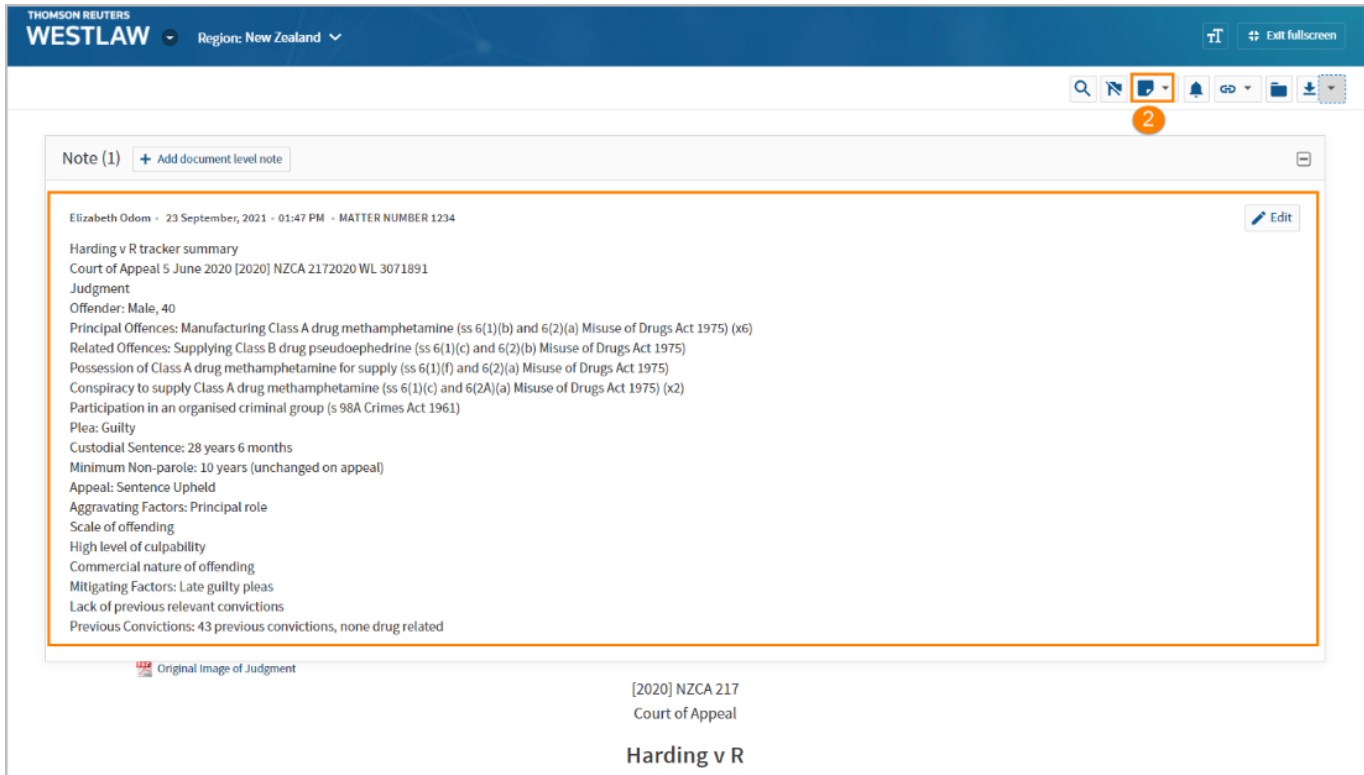
1. **Harding v R** Judgment
Court of Appeal • 5 June 2020 • [2020] NZCA 217 • 2020 WL 3071891
Principal offences: Illicit Drug Offences — Manufacture or cultivate illicit drugs — Manufacture illicit drugs — Class A
Related offences: Illicit Drug Offences — Possess and/or use illicit drugs — Possess illicit drugs — Class A, Illicit Drug Offences — Deal or traffic in illicit drugs — Class B, Illicit Drug Offences — Deal or traffic in illicit drugs — Class A, Organised Crime Offences — Participation in organised criminal group
Sentence: 28 years 6 months

2. The **tracker summary** outlines the offences, plea, custodial or non-custodial sentence details, and any aggravating or mitigating factors that the Judge considered when determining the sentence.
3. Click on the **Judgment** link in the case summary to open the full-text judgment in Westlaw (New Zealand).

Copy and Paste Summary Results

1. Case summary results can be copied into a Microsoft Word document.

- To download the tracker summary and full text judgment in one document, copy the text and paste it as an annotation into the full text judgment.



- You can then print or download the full text judgment and include your annotations.

