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EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA
Juris Doctor, 2000

University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Major, History Minor 1997

MEMBERSHIP

Hawaii State Bar Association (Inactive)

EXPERIENCE

Department of Human Resources Development, State of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

Director – January 2018 – Present

Responsible for planning, organizing, directing and coordinating personnel programs and human resource management practices covering civil service and exempt positions of the State executive branch. Serves as Governor’s Chief Negotiator for all collective bargaining with Hawaii’s public sector unions.

Department of Human Resources Development, State of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

Deputy Director – January 2017 – December 2017

In conjunction with the Director responsible for planning, organizing, directing and coordinating personnel programs and human resource management practices covering civil service and exempt positions of the State executive branch

Department of Education, State of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

Personnel Regional Officer – February 2015 – January 2017

Responsible for Human Resources and Labor Relations in the Windward District of the Department of Education. Serves as liaison for the Office of Human Resources and the Windward District. Provides a full range of services regarding employment, personnel administration and labor relations to schools, complexes and district.

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

Managing Attorney - March 2003 – February 2015

Responsible for daily operation of the company in conjunction with, and the absence of, the Executive Director. Oversight of litigation, case evaluation and all substantive law related to housing, fair housing, consumer law, bankruptcy, tax, foreclosures and predatory lending. Provide management and supervision to all staff in the Honolulu Office and Statewide. Coordinate recruitment, training, development, and management of staff. Management Team member responsible for strategic and operational direction. Track legislation, draft testimony and testify on related issues for the Hawaii State Legislature. Accountable for grant writing and management. Conduct education and outreach related to foreclosure and consumer law issues.

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Honolulu, HI

Legislative Specialist, Business Registration Division, September 2001 – July 2002

Researched and drafted Decision and Orders for the Commissioner of Securities. Drafted Hawaii Rules and Regulations amendments after examining existing rules. Drafted legislation for the 2002 Legislative Session. Organized training manual for Securities Enforcement Branch of Department. Edited Business Registration Website.

Wong Oshima, Attorneys at Law, Honolulu HI

Law Clerk, 2001

Researched, analyzed and drafted memoranda of law regarding issues of insurance defense and workers compensation under the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Hawaii Administrative Rules and the Labor Appeals board decisions. Assisted Partners in preparing for trials, and depositions.

House of Representatives, Honolulu, HI

Staff Attorney, Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee, Legislative Session 2001

Conducted research on, and evaluated state statutes. Prepared and drafted agreements, legislation and legal briefs. Coordinated legislative research including issues related to HIPAA. Drafted floor speeches, interviewed lobbyists and assisted in the preparation for the legislative session.