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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa | William S. Richardson School of Law

Assistant Professor of Law

Fall 2022 – Present

Courses: Civil Procedure I, Civil Procedure II

EDUCATION

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa | William S. Richardson School of Law, J.D., 2015

Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*, Graduated Ranked #1
Michael P. Porter Dean's Scholastic Award
CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Advanced Civil Procedure, Legal Practice I, Legal Practice II, Second Year Seminar, Federal Indian Law, International Protection of Human Rights, Business Associations, Immigration Law, and Social Justice Theory & Practice
Sam L. Cohen Foundation International Human Rights Summer Fellow

Activities: *Inaugural Korematsu Scholar Advocate*
Research Assistant to Professor Eric K. Yamamoto
Teaching Assistant in Lawyering Fundamentals II and L.L.M. U.S. Legal Research, Writing and Analysis
University of Hawai'i Law Review, Case Note and Publishing Committee Editor

Harvard University, A.B. Honors, History and Literature, America Field, 2011

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*
Secondary Degree in French Language & Literature
Honors Thesis Title: "*Paradise Bound*": *The Migration of African American Laborers to Hawai'i at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

Activities: Division I Varsity Women's Volleyball Team, Co-Captain (2009 – 2011)

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Who Is Worthy of Redress?: Recognizing Sexual Violence Injustice Against Women of Color as Uniquely Redress-Worthy—Illuminated by a Case Study on Kenya’s Mau Mau Women and Their Unique Harms, 30 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF GENDER, LAW & JUSTICE 268 (2015).

Bridging the Chasm: Reconciliation’s Needed Implementation Fourth Step, 15 SEATTLE JOURNAL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE 109 (2016) (with Eric K. Yamamoto and Sarah Sheffield).

A Crucial 2016 Next Step Toward Jeju April Third Reconciliation: United States Responsibility for Social Healing Through Justice, in JEJU 4.3 GRAND TRAGEDY DURING PEACETIME KOREA: THE ASIA-PACIFIC CONTEXT (1947-2016) (2016) (book chapter with Eric K. Yamamoto et al.).

Unfinished Business: A Joint United States and South Korea Jeju 4.3 Tragedy Task Force to Further Implement Recommendations and Foster Comprehensive and Enduring Social Healing Through Justice, 15 ASIA-PACIFIC LAW & POLICY JOURNAL 1 (2014) (with Eric K. Yamamoto and Sara Lee).

What’s Next?: A Joint United States and South Korea Jeju 4.3 Tragedy Task to Further Implement Recommendations and Foster Comprehensive and Enduring “Social Healing Through Justice,” 2 JEJU WORLD ENVIRONMENT AND ISLAND STUDIES 1 (2014) (with Eric K. Yamamoto).

BOOK

JEJU 4.3 SOLUTIONS: KOREA – UNITED STATES JEJU 4.3 TASK FORCE (with Eric K. Yamamoto and Sara Lee, translated into Korean by Jin Ho Kim) (2015).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Electronic Discovery: A Renewed Call for Proportionality and an Affirmative Duty to Preserve Electronically Stored Information in Hawai‘i and Other States (in progress)

Hawaii Collection and Bankruptcy Law Manual (5th ed.) (in progress) (Editor and Contributing Author to select chapters)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Susan Oki Mollway, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawai‘i (September 2016 – August 2017)

Law Clerk. Researched, drafted, and edited judicial orders granting or denying parties’ requests to dismiss their cases, enter summary judgment, exclude evidence at trial, vacate criminal convictions post-sentencing, or reconsider the court’s prior ruling. Prepared bench memoranda assessing parties’ claims on appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and reviewed draft opinions when Judge Mollway sat by designation on four (4) appellate cases. Attended weekly hearings in civil and criminal matters and assisted Judge Mollway during a criminal jury trial.

Honorable Richard W. Pollack, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Hawai‘i

Honolulu, Hawai‘i (September 2015 – August 2016)

Law Clerk. Prepared memoranda assessing parties’ claims on appeal for a wide variety of cases, including mortgage foreclosures, state agency appeals involving educational and environmental matters, personal injury claims, and criminal evidentiary and procedural issues under state and federal law. Researched, drafted, and edited judicial orders and opinions communicating the court’s decisions. Attended and assisted in monthly oral arguments.

Trial Chamber, Special Tribunal for Lebanon

The Hague, Netherlands (May – August 2014)

Volunteer Summer Law Clerk/Legal Intern. Attended weekly hearings and assisted judges and staff attorneys (in both English and French) during the trial of *Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Badreddine, Merhi, Oneissi & Sabra*, an *in absentia* criminal prosecution of terrorists who committed a bombing of political figures in Beirut, Lebanon under both international law and Lebanese criminal procedure and law.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Maximum Legal Services Corporation, 501(c)(3) non-profit

Honolulu, Hawai‘i (October 2020 – May 2022)

Executive Director and Managing Attorney. Provided fiduciary and legal services for a multicultural, ethnically diverse clientele (over 120 clients), the majority of whom were elderly and/or disabled. Researched, analyzed, and drafted pleadings, motions, letters, orders, confidential settlement and mediation statements, and other court filings in trust, probate, and/or conservatorship and guardianship cases before all Hawai‘i state courts. Attended and participated at hearings, settlement conferences, and mediations. Actively planned and managed the daily operations and activities of the non-profit, including developing and implementing new policies, procedures, and technology to manage the organization’s growth. Supervised and mentored other staff attorneys, paralegals, social workers, and bookkeepers, as well as law student and social work student interns and volunteers from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Led an initiative with the Board of Governors to set up and award \$10,000+ scholarships through the University of Hawai‘i Foundation for master’s in social work students at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health.

McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Honolulu, Hawai‘i (October 2017 – October 2020)

Litigation Associate Attorney. Conducted the direct examination and cross-examination of key witnesses as first and second chair during a four-week long bench trial before the First Circuit Court for the State of Hawai‘i. Argued before a panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals – prevailed. Assisted with trial preparation in all respects and researched, analyzed, and drafted pleadings, discovery requests, procedural and substantive motions, confidential settlement statements and settlement agreements, mediation statements, appellate briefs, and other court filings. Attended and participated at hearings, depositions, settlement conferences, and private mediations. Represented clients primarily in the areas of civil and commercial litigation; debtor’s and creditor’s rights; constitutional law and civil rights; insurance defense (professional liability; personal injury defense); real estate litigation; employment law; and appeals.

Korematsu Scholar Advocate, William S. Richardson School of Law

Honolulu, Hawai'i (March 2013 – May 2015)

Inaugural Korematsu Scholar Advocate. Conducted original research for critical textual analysis and collaborated on writing and publishing several major law review articles, a book chapter, and a book. Received the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Fellowship (Spring 2015), with other Scholar Advocates; and the Japanese American Citizens League (Honolulu Chapter) 2014 Distinguished Service Award, with Professor Eric Yamamoto and other Scholar Advocates.

Honorable Richard W. Pollack, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Hawai'i

Honolulu, Hawai'i (September 2014 – December 2014)

Judicial Extern. Researched and wrote certiorari memoranda in various areas of the law, including criminal procedure, criminal law, and constitutional law.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Hawai'i State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Society of American Law Teachers
- American Association of Law Schools
- Hawai'i Women Lawyers

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Labor and Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Bankruptcy; and Litigation – Real Estate, 2021 – 2022

Super Lawyers Rising Star in Business Litigation, 2019 – 2021

Fellow (Selected), Hawai'i State Bar Association Leadership Institute, 2020

Lawyer Delegate (Selected), U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii Judicial Conference, 2020-2022

Participant (Selected), Hawaii Federal Trial Academy, 2019

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States, 2020

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2017

United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, 2015

State of Hawai'i, 2015

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hawai'i State Bar Association Leadership Institute, Advisory Committee Member, 2021 – Present
Appointed to serve as a Co-Facilitator for the 2021 program, to co-lead, organize, and moderate the session on “Doing the Right Thing” beginning in 2022, and to serve on the Advisory Committee to assist with selection of Fellows and strategic planning of the program.

Obama Hawaiian Africana Museum (formerly *African American Diversity Cultural Center of Hawaii*), Board Member, 2020 – 2021

Appointed to serve on the Board of Governors with general oversight and strategic planning responsibilities. Instrumental in helping to fundraise for the nonprofit through the annual Obama Birthday Walk event and to reinvigorate community outreach and education through social media platforms.

Obama Hawaiian Africana Museum (formerly *African American Diversity Cultural Center of Hawaii*), Committee Member, 2019 – 2021

Appointed to serve on a committee that focuses on preserving the Quonset Hut on O’ahu as part of the museum’s preservation, restoration, and educational efforts.

William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Program, Mentor, 2019 – Present

Served as a mentor to a law student beginning in her first year through graduation and now in her career.

Hawai’i State Bar Association, Legal Lines, Volunteer, 2018 – 2020

Provided legal information and resources to the public through after-business-hours phone calls.

Volunteer Legal Services of Hawai’i, Weinberg Villages Outreach Program, Volunteer, 2018 – 2019

Provided education information and presentations to low-income communities relating to debt collection and landlord/tenant law.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University of Hawai’i at Mānoa | William S. Richardson School of Law

Faculty Committee Assignments:

Clerkship Committee, Member, 2022 – Present

Bar Success Committee, Member, 2022 – Present

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

“Healing the Persisting Wounds of Historic Injustice: United States, South Korea and the Jeju 4.3 Tragedy,” Invited Speaker (with Eric Yamamoto, Featured Keynote Speaker, and other student scholar advocates), William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai’i, April 13, 2022.

“Lawyers’ Panel II - Nonprofit Business Panel,” Moderator, William S. Richardson School of Law Second Annual Business Boot Camp, Honolulu, Hawai’i, March 26, 2022 (via video conference).

“Identifying and Preventing Financial Elder Abuse,” Guest Lecturer (with Malia Alexander), Gerontology Specialization Seminar, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Honolulu, Hawai’i, February 14, 2022 (via video conference).

“Alternatives to Traditional Corporate Bank Trustees,” Invited Panelist, Hawai’i State Bar Association Elder Law Section and Probate and Estate Planning Section, Honolulu, Hawai’i, April 14, 2021 (via video conference).

“Lawyers’ Panel,” Invited Panelist, William S. Richardson School of Law Inaugural Business Boot Camp, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 19, 2021 (via video conference).

“The Silver Tsunami: Legal and Social Work Approaches to Caring for an Aging Population,” Invited Speaker (with Malia Alexander), Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work – Brown Bag Lunch Presentation Series, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 8, 2021 (via video conference).

“Next Steps Toward Social Healing,” Keynote Speaker (with Eric Yamamoto and other student scholar advocates), Jeju 4.3 Colloquium, Washington, D.C., March 27, 2015.

“U.S. and South Korea Responsibility for the ‘Peacetime’ Jeju April 3rd Grand Massacre—Revitalizing Reconciliation by Present-Day Social Healing Through Justice,” Invited Speaker (with Eric Yamamoto and other student scholar advocates), Honolulu, Hawai‘i, November 12, 2014.

“U.S. and South Korea Responsibility for the ‘Peacetime’ Jeju April 3rd Grand Massacre,” Invited Speaker (with Eric Yamamoto), ThinkTech Hawaii (with Host Ken Lawson), October 1, 2014 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tT-7KUQLM4>).

“Social Healing Through Justice,” Keynote Speaker (with Eric Yamamoto and other student scholar advocates), Matsunaga Peace Institute Colloquium for Civil Liberties, Human Rights and the Constitution Week, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, September 24, 2014.

“What’s Next? A Proposal for a Joint United States and South Korea Jeju 4.3 Task Force for Implementing Recommendations and Charting Future Steps,” Featured Presentation Speaker (with Eric Yamamoto), Jeju April 3rd Peace Education Forum, Jeju National University, South Korea, October 19, 2013.

“Civil Rights and Social Justice,” Invited Panelist, Black History Month Panel Discussion at Honolulu Hale Municipal Gallery, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 26, 2013.