

MICHAEL A. TOWN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mediator, Arbitrator: Dispute Prevention & Resolution, Honolulu Hawai'i (November 2010-present)
Commissioner, Hawai'i Paroling Authority, State of Hawai'i (2011-present)
Circuit Court Judge, State of Hawai'i (1993 to 2010). (Senior Judge of the Family Court, 1994-1997)
District Family Court Judge, First Circuit, State of Hawai'i (1979 to 1993).
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, (1970 to 1979) (Supervising Attorney and Director of Litigation)
Law Clerk to Associate Justice Bernard H. Levinson, Hawai'i Supreme Court (1969-70)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Licensed to practice law in Hawai'i (1970) and California (1968)
Adjunct Professor of Law, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i (1982 to 1993, 2011).
Courses: Criminal Law, Juvenile Justice, Family Law, Environmental Law, and Legal Methods.
Lecturer/workshop leader nationally for state and federal judicial conferences sponsored by Federal Judicial Center, National Center of State Courts and various state judiciaries. Presenter internationally (England, Scotland, New Zealand and Costa Rica) on court unified family court, vicarious trauma/resiliency and decision fatigue in judges, and preventive, restorative and therapeutic justice.

PUBLICATIONS/Acknowledgements:

1. Town, Judge as Coach: Positive Coaching in the Courtroom, Juvenile and Family Justice TODAY Magazine, summer 2006, p. 30 (National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges). Not available online and available by request.
2. Town, Coaches, Judges Have Much in Common, Honolulu Advertiser, May 1, 2006 available at: (<http://www.positivecoach.org/arDisplay.aspx?SecID=130&ID=402>).
3. Town, Ten Suggestions To Keep Your Child Off Drugs And Out Of Court, (http://www.pbshawaii.org/index_programs/index_ice.html). See also Lee Cataluna article at: (<http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2005/Feb/20/In/In54plee.html>)
4. Town, Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma in Court: A Judge's Perspective, Fatality Review Bulletin: reprinted in Florida Bar News (June 1, 2004). Available at: (<http://www.floridabar.org/DIVCOM/JN/JNNews01.nsf/cb53c80c8fabd49d85256b5900678f6c/e4fe17e7b4b9294885256ea00056c09b?OpenDocument>)
5. Jaffe, Town, et. al. Vicarious Trauma in Judges: The Personal Challenge of Dispensing Justice, 54 Juvenile and Family Court Journal No. 4 pp 1-9 (Fall 2003, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges). Reprinted in The Judges' Journal, (Vol. 45 No. 4 pp. 12-18, Fall 2006) (published by the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association),
6. Town, The Unified Family Court: Preventive, Therapeutic and Restorative Justice for America's Families and Children. (Spring, 2001) National Center for Preventive Law (California Western School of Law): (<http://www.preventivelawyer.org/content/essays/town.htm>) reprinted in ABA Child Law Practice 99 (September 2002) and Juvenile and Family Justice Today (NCJFCJ Winter 2002).
7. Town, Island Voices: Restorative Justice Helps the Victim Become Whole Again, (Honolulu Advertiser, May 3, 2000) available at (<http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/2000/May/03/opinion13.html>)
8. Town, Are Domestic Violence Death Reviews Consistent with Concepts of Preventive, Therapeutic and Restorative Justice? Fatality Review Bulletin (National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, Summer 2002, available at (www.ndvfri.org) (please click on publications and scroll down).
9. Websdale, Town and Johnson, Domestic Violence Fatality Reviews: From A Culture Of Blame To A Culture of Safety, 50 JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JOURNAL 61 (SPRING, 1999) Available at (www.ndvfri.org) (please click on publications and scroll down)

10. Town and Yuen, Public Access to Beaches in Hawai'i: A Social Necessity, 10 HAW. BAR JOURNAL 1 (1973) (available by request)
11. Town, Junior Lifeguards and Life Lessons: New Zealand Style, 2007; (www.go-first.org/mt_outrigger)
12. 2008 Sports Ethics Fellow for Institute for International Sport (one of 18 fellows). (<http://www.state.hi.us/jud/Spotlight/spot%20050108/judgetown.html>)
13. 2010 Honolulu Forever Young honoree (one of 7 selected for community service): http://www.midweek.com/content/story/midweek_coverstory/Forever_Young_Awards2010/
14. Town, "Modern Pilgrims Follow Ancient Path", special to Star-Advertiser, December 19, 2010, (http://www.staradvertiser.com/travel/travelnews/20101219_modern_pilgrims_follow_ancient_path.html)
15. Town, Island Voices: "Hope Meets Opportunity at the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i": April 28, 2012: http://www.staradvertiser.com/editorialspremium/guesteditorialspremium/20120428_Hope_meets_opportunity_at_the_Boys_Girls_Club_of_Hawaii.html?id=149342465
16. Proclamation by Governor Neil Abercrombie and Lt. Governor Shan S. Tsutsui that October 18, 2014 is "Michael A. Town Day" recognizing a legacy of fairness and equality by fostering the Aloha Spirit throughout the islands with an ethic of therapeutic and restorative justice.
17. Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i "Philanthropist of the Year" recognition presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i on January 17, 2015.

COMMITTEES WITH PUBLISHED RESULTS

1. Chair, Full Faith and Credit: A Judge's Bench Card (NCJFCJ, DOJ, NCSC, 1999) (revised 2003)
2. Chair, Model Code on Domestic and Family Violence (NCJFCJ 1994) pdf format available at: (<http://www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd/publications/>)
3. Children and Families First: A Mandate for America's Courts (NCJFCJ 1993)
4. Family Violence: Improving Court Practice (NCJFCJ 1990)
5. Restorative Justice Committee, Hawai'i State Judiciary (1998-2000) report available online
6. Jury Innovation Committee, Hawai'i State Judiciary (report available on request)

ORGANIZATIONS

Hawai'i State Bar (admitted 1970) and California State Bar (admitted 1968)
 Dispute Prevention & Resolution Hawai'i. Mediator & Arbitrator. (www.dprhawaii.com)
 Boys & Girls Club of Hawai'i: Board (1986 to present) (Chair of Board of Directors 2012-2013: (Statewide Alliance 2014-present))
 Na Kama Kai (www.nakamakai.org) (ocean awareness program for children of Hawai'i). Instructor/Coach
 Positive Coaching Alliance Hawai'i: founding board member and certified trainer/mentor since 2002.
 Hawai'i Justice Foundation: board member (2000 to 2005)
 National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges; Board of Trustees (1990 to 1997)
 National Peace Corps Association (served in Colombia, South America 1962-64 in university education)
 Go-First Foundation (www.go-first.org); Global mentor for youth as first responders
 Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund (HCTF/HCF): Advisory board member (2009 to 2011)

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, LL.M 1969 (constitutional law emphasis).
 University of California, Hastings College of Law, J.D. 1968 (law review, Order of the Coif)
 Stanford University, B.A. 1962 (economics and Latin American studies)

PERSONAL DATA: [REDACTED] (bilingual/professionally fluent). Personal Interests: ocean sports coach; Polynesian and Hispanic culture, language and tradition; public speaking; mentorship and community service.

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