# BLAKE K. OSHIRO

# GOV. MSG. NO. 700

# **EMPLOYMENT:** Capitol Consultants of Hawai'i

Executive Vice-President: January 2016 – present

Government relations, lobbying, and strategic planning, policy work, legislative and legal research, communications planning, and political advising.

#### Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing

Director, Of Counsel: December 2014 - December 2015

Practice Areas: Government Relations, employment, nonprofit governance

#### State of Hawai'i, Office of the Governor

Deputy Chief of Staff: December 2011 – December 2014

Senior executive manager with direct communication and counsel to Governor. Assist with management of Governor's office, with specific oversight for Governor's Policy Office, Communications division, and 6-7 executive departments and agencies. Advise and decide program funding in development of state executive budget. Conduct legislative outreach and provide strategy for administration package of bills. Lead Governor's bill review process for signature into law or veto. Oversee major policy initiatives and agency implementation in areas of energy, early education, health care, and high profile or contentious issues.

## State of Hawai'i, House of Representatives

Representative, 33<sup>rd</sup> District: November 2000 – November 2011

Majority Leader (2008 – 2011); Speaker Pro Tempore (2007 Special Session); Majority Floor Leader (2004-2008); Vice-Chair, Judiciary Committee (2000-2008); Acting Judiciary Chair on issues relating to environment, land use, criminal and constitutional law (2001 – 2008); Water, Land Use Committee member (2000-2002).

## **Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing**

Of Counsel Attorney: November 2005 – December 2011

Practice areas: Employment, government contracts, nonprofits, environmental, and general commercial litigation. Research and draft motions, legal and trial memoranda, and pleadings. Administrative and trial practice.

#### **EDUCATION:**

## Harvard University, Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education

Senior Executives in State and Local Government

## William S. Richardson, School of Law, University of Hawai'i

Juris Doctor, Environmental Law Certificate

Class Rank: top quartile (25%)

Honors: Advocates for Public Interest Law Grant (1995); AmJur Award (top grade) in Environmental Law (1994); AmJur Award in Constitutional Law (1995); CALI Excellence Award (top grade) in Administrative Law (1996); CALI Excellence Award in Hawai`i Environmental Law (1996); CALI Excellence Award in International Law (1995); George C. Munro Hawai`i Audubon Society Award (1994); Law School Alumni Public Service Award (1995)

## University of Southern California

B.A. summa cum laude, English Literature

**LICENSE:** Hawai'i State Bar Association; License No. 6746 (11/96)

**HONORS:** Honolulu Star-Advertiser's "10 Who Made a Difference in 2010" (12/31/2010)

HSBA's Champion for Social Justice (9/2010)

Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Distinguished Service Award

Interfaith Alliance Flame of Inspiration Award (2011)

Hawaii Psychologists Association – Legislator of the Year (2010)