

EDUCATION

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Juris Doctor

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Occidental College

Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics and Anthropology

Los Angeles, California

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES / CERTIFICATIONS

Member, Hawai'i State Bar Association

Tier 1 Registered Court Interpreter, Thai, Hawai'i State Judiciary

EXPERIENCE**Attorney, Apr. 2018 – present**

Medical-Legal Partnership Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawai'i

- Provide direct client representation to patients at community health center. Work with doctors and other healthcare staff to create and provide training opportunities and self-help clinics on a variety of legal needs for patients. Participate in systemic advocacy as necessary to address legal needs of low-income patients. Supervise law students assisting with client representation.

Public Policy Advocate, Aug. 2013 – Apr. 2018

Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Honolulu, Hawai'i

- Review, analyze and monitor bills, resolutions and reports at the federal, state and county levels that have the potential of impacting agency and Native Hawaiians. Draft legislation to be proposed by agency at local, state or federal levels. Prepare testimonies and track bills and legislative changes as necessary. Present testimony on behalf of agency to legislative bodies.
- Serve as a technical resource person providing professional research and technical support on data and analysis required for agency policy-related issues of importance to Hawaiian communities. Supervise three policy staff

Staff Attorney, Apr. 2013 –July. 2013

Domestic Violence Action Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i

- Court representation for victims of domestic violence seeking restraining orders, divorce, custody, paternity and other family civil law matters, crisis counseling on emergency Legal Helpline
- Managed multidisciplinary team of other non-legal staff assigned to provide wrap-around services for clients

Legislative Attorney, Jan.2013 –Apr.2013

State of Hawai'i House of Representatives, House Majority Staff Office, Honolulu, Hawai'i

- Session staff responsible for legislative research, writing and bill drafting assignments for all house members.
- Staff attorney assigned to assist Human Services committee chair with reports, research and bill amendments.

Enforcement Investigator, April 2012 – Jan. 2013

Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Honolulu, Hawai'i

- Intake interview and investigation for potential complainants alleging employment discrimination.
- Investigation of jurisdictional complaints of discrimination including witness interviews, research and legal enforcement recommendations.

Staff Attorney, June 2010 – Feb. 2012

Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice (formerly Lawyers for Equal Justice), Honolulu, Hawai'i

- Conducted legal, policy, and statistical analysis on issues addressing state compliance with federal guidelines regarding delivery of public benefit, discrimination in immigrant communities and immigrant rights, language access, the DOE English language learner program and IDEA compliance, and school disciplinary procedures
- Attorney for three civil rights class action lawsuits involving public housing discrimination, health care discrimination against Micronesian immigrants, and untimely delivery of food stamp benefits.

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HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Comments Editor, Asian-Pacific Law and Policy Journal, *Aug. 2008 – May 2010*
- Samuel Cohen Human Rights Fellowship, *May 2008 – Sept. 2008*
- Student Affiliate, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i, *Aug. 2008 – Aug. 2009*

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Hagiwara, Yamada, Tanaka, Ostrowski, (2015) *Litigation and Community Advocacy to Ensure Health Access for Micronesian Migrants in Hawaii*. Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved. 2015;26(2 Suppl)
- Fox, Ostrowski (2015), *Integrating Culture with State Governmental Health Planning*, Presentation at the 5th Cross-Cultural Health Care Conference
- Asing, Chai, Fox, Ostrowski, Smith (2014), *Kāikulu Ola: An Interactive Session to Raise the Health of our Nation*, Presentation at the World Indigenous People's Conference on Education
- Geminiani, Ostrowski, (2011), *Litigation in Federal and State Courts in Hawaii Preserves Critical Health Care for Micronesians*, 45 CLEARINGHOUSE REV. 63 (May-June 2011)
- Ostrowski, (2010) *Striving for Land Title Security and Positive Development in Cambodia: A Legal Analysis with Lessons from Hawai'i's Past*, Paper Presentation at East-West Center 9th International Graduate Student Conference

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER SKILLS

Fluent in Thai, beginning Khmer, Spanish

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- founding member, COFA-Community Advocacy Network, (COFACAN) Honolulu, Hawai'i, *Jan.2013 - present*