

Puananionaona Patria Thoene

EDUCATION

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

Honolulu, HI

**AWARDS:**

- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, State and Local Government Law, Fall 2012
- Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing Award for the Best Environmental Law Topic for the Second Year Seminar paper entitled *House Resolution 910 "Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011": One Step Toward Economic Efficiency, Two Steps Back for Global Warming*, Fall 2012
- Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher Scholarship For Excellence in Contracts and Contributions to the UH Law School Community, Fall 2011
- McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon Scholarship, Fall 2011

**University of San Diego**

San Diego, CA

Bachelor of Business Administration, *Cum Laude*

Coursework concentrated in International Business with a minor in Spanish

**HONORS:**

- Dean's List, First Honors Spring 2004-Spring 2007 Semesters

**Kamehameha Schools**

Honolulu, HI

High School Diploma

ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Environmental Council, State of Hawai'i, Chair 2018-Present
- Environmental Council, State of Hawai'i, Member, 2016-2018
- Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, O'ahu Island Advisory Council Member, 2014-Present
- Hawai'i Access to Justice Volunteer, 2014-Present
- Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club member, 2011-Present
- University of Hawai'i Law Review Co-Editor-in-Chief Volume 35, February 2012-May 2013
- University of Hawai'i Law Review Staff Writer, August 2011-May 2012
- Freeman Bird Preserve Volunteer, March 2012
- Volunteer Bailiff for the NNALSA Moot Court Competition, February 2012
- Ka Waihona Puke, Alu Like Inc. Volunteer, November 2011-September 2012
- Environmental Law Society Member and Recycling Committee Representative, September 2010-May 2013
- ELS Kalauha'ihaha'i Pond Restoration Volunteer, September 2010
- University of San Diego Pacific Islander Association Marketing Chair (2006-2007), Vice President (2005-2006), and Historian (2004-2005)
- Studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 2006
- Migrant Outreach Program, Spring 2004 (4 hours per week)
- Kamehameha Schools Koa Tree Reforestation, 2002

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 07/19 - Present    **Partner, Carlsmith Ball LLP**    Honolulu, HI
- Practice areas include land use law, environmental law, corporate law, administrative law, and real property law.
- 09/13 – 06/19    **Associate, Carlsmith Ball LLP**    Honolulu, HI
- Practice areas include land use law, environmental law, corporate law, administrative law, and real property law.
- 04/11 - 05/13    **Environmental Law Program Research Associate, William S. Richardson School of Law**    Honolulu, HI
- Organized events, including ELP's Colloquium Series, Certificate Recipients graduation ceremony, information sessions, networking events, and fundraisers
  - Maintained technical support for the ELP website and blog
  - Fostered law school, alumni, and community relations

- 01/13 - 04/13     **Extern to the Honorable Richard R. Clifton, Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**     Honolulu, HI
- Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on issues surrounding petitions for habeas corpus and applications for attorney fees under federal statutes.
- 05/12 - 08/12     **Summer Associate, Carlsmith Ball, LLP**     Honolulu, HI
- Conducted legal research on various legal issues in the areas of civil procedure, native Hawaiian rights, environmental law, land use, and commercial law
  - Drafted memoranda of law, including a memorandum in support of a motion to file an amicus brief, a memorandum in support of a motion for attorneys' fees, and a memorandum in opposition to a motion to compel arbitration
  - Drafted a gift acceptance and fundraising policy for a 401(c)(3) non-profit organization
- 05/11 - 08/11     **Summer Legal Intern, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Career Criminals Unit**     Honolulu, HI
- Conducted legal research on various criminal law issues
  - Drafted memoranda of law in support of and in opposition to various evidence admissibility issues, including hearsay, relevance, and consciousness of guilt
  - Drafted a motion in support of non-HAWJIC jury instruction
  - Drafted a Rule 40 Answer for Post-Conviction Relief
  - Drafted a motion in limine and a memorandum of law in opposition to motion to compel discovery
  - Drafted objection letters for Pre-release and Work Furlough program candidates
  - Second-chaired a Robbery 2 trial
- 09/04 - 06/11     **Server/Trainer/Designated Shift Leader, California Pizza Kitchen**     San Diego, CA; Honolulu, HI
- Provided excellent customer service in a high traffic food establishment
  - Instructed training classes for all new hires
  - Managed daily operations including front and back of the house labor, customer relations, and food and service quality
  - Communicated and motivated staff on daily company, regional, and store goals
- 09/03 - 06/07     **Billing/Front Desk Attendant, University of San Diego Print Shop**     San Diego, CA
- Entered billing information into Oracle E-Business Suite Application
  - Managed busy reception area and multiple duties including answering phones, filing, operating the cash register, and completing copy and binding jobs

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS/ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Fluent in Hawaiian; Conversational ability in Spanish
- Pacific Business News, 40 Under 40 (2020)
- Kiyomi Labuguen & Onaona Thoene, *Maybe She's Born With It? Maybe It's Gene Therapy?*, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF BIOETHICS, Fall 2003.
- Onaona Thoene & Andrea Ushijima, *State v. Fields: Should a Declarant's Professed Memory Loss at Trial Satisfy the "Unavailability" Requirement Under Hawai'i's Confrontation Clause*, 34 U. HAW. L. REV. (2015).