

STEVEN J. T. CHOW
The Pacific Law Group
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Admitted to Hawaii State Bar Association: 1981

LEGAL EDUCATION:

William S. Richardson School of Law
University of Hawaii
J.D. Degree awarded

LICENSES:

All Courts in the State of Hawaii;
U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Highest "AV" Professional Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

University of Hawaii, Manoa
Majors: Political Science
B.A. Degree awarded

LAW RELATED EMPLOYMENT:

Owner
The Pacific Law Group, AAL, ALC
April 1, 2019 to Present
General practice of law, including Civil and Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Insurance Law, Arbitration, Mediation and Construction.

Partner/Director/Shareholder

The Pacific Law Group, AAL, ALC

May 1, 1999 to March 31, 2019

General practice of law, including Civil and Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Insurance Law, Arbitration, Mediation and Construction.

Partner/Director/Shareholder

Matsumoto LaFontaine & Chow

August 1, 1994 to April 30, 1999

General practice of law, including Civil and Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Insurance Law, Arbitration, Mediation, Creditor/Debtor Rights, Construction, Fidelity and Surety Law.

Partner/Director

Fujiyama, Duffy & Fujiyama

October 1, 1988 to August 1, 1994

General practice of law, including Civil and Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Insurance Law, Arbitration, Creditor/Debtor Rights, Construction, Fidelity and Surety Law.

Associate

Fujiyama, Duffy & Fujiyama

October 1, 1981 to September 30, 1988

General practice of law, including Civil and Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Insurance Law, Arbitration, Creditor/Debtor Rights, Construction, Fidelity and Surety Law.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Experience includes handling all aspects of a civil dispute including negotiation and settlement, trial, arbitration, mediation and/or administrative hearing. Practice areas past and present include: personal injury, contractual disputes, creditor-debtor rights, construction litigation, lease disputes, landlord-tenant, bonds (fidelity, performance and material man), lender liability, ADA liability, wrongful termination, sexual discrimination/harassment, Trust disputes and collections.

OTHER LAW-RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITIES:

Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA), 1981 to Present

HSBA Secretary, 1995 - 1996

HSBA Board of Directors, 2001 - Present

HSBA Committees:

HSBA Committee: Nominations Committee (2001)

HSBA Ad Hoc Committee: Chair, HSBA develop and draft policy, procedure and standards for rating of judicial appointments and executive nominations (2003 to present).

HSBA Ad Hoc Committee: Member, Mandatory Pro Bono Reporting (2009)

HSBA Special Committee On "Affiliated Entities" (2009)

HSBA Ad Hoc Committee: Member, Review HSBA policy and procedures for various standing committees (2010).

HSBA/Office of the Disciplinary Counsel Liaison Committee: Member (2010 to present)

HSBA Judicial Administration Committee, 2010 to present (Chair, 2010 - 2011; Co-Chair 2012 - Present)

2012 Civil Circuit Bench Bar Conference; Reporter
2013 Civil Circuit Bench Bar Conference; Reporter
2014 Civil Bench Bar Forum, Presenter and Facilitator
2015 Civil Circuit Bench Bar Conference; Reporter
2016 Civil Bench Bar Forum; Moderator and Facilitator
2017 Civil Bench Bar Conference: Lead Attorney
2018 Civil Bench Bar Forum: Moderator and Facilitator
2019 Civil Bench Bar Conference: Civil Justice Improvement

HSBA Ad Hoc Committee: Chair, HSBA policy regarding judicial retention (2017 to present.)

HSBA Sections:

Litigation Section, Member, 2009 to present.
Senior Counsel Division, Member, 2012 to present.

Civil Justice Improvements Task Force, Member, Case Management
Committee, (2018 to 2019)

Arbitrator

Hawaii Court Annexed Arbitration Program
1987 - Present

Coordinate, schedule and conduct arbitration hearings involving personal injury
disputes under Hawaii's mandatory Court Annexed Arbitration Program.

Member

Hawaii Defense Lawyers Association
1987 - Present

Member

Mediation Specialist of Hawaii, Inc.

Coordinator/Instructor, People's Law School

Wahiawa Adult Community School
1992 - 1996

Coordinate and schedule lecturers for adult students in areas of law such as
wills, trust, estate planning, small claims court, criminal law, personal injury law,
insurance law, bankruptcy law and immigration law. Instructed classes in
personal injury law and insurance law.

Member

American Bar Association
1981 - Present

Member

American Association For Justice
Section: Litigation/Tort and Insurance
1981 - Present

Member

Defense Research Institute
1981 - Present

Member

Hawaii Defense Lawyers Association
1988 - Present

Adjunct Professor of Law

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii
Spring 1998 - 2004

Taught Pre-trial Litigation to second and third year students at the William S. Richardson School of Law. Subject matter includes client interview, ethics, pleadings, Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure, Hawaii Rules of Court, Hawaii Rules of Evidence, written discovery, oral depositions, pre-trial statements, settlement conference statements, Court Annexed Arbitration Program, arbitration, settlement strategies, mediation, motions, pre-trial motions, and trial preparation.

Vice Chair/Board Member

State of Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners
1997 - 2005

Duties include review, revise and administer State of Hawaii Chiropractic Laws and administrative laws relating to chiropractic care in Hawaii.

Chair/Board Member

State of Hawaii, Motor Vehicle Repair Licensing Board,
2006 - 2014

Duties include review, revise and administer State of Hawaii Motor Vehicle Repair licensing and administrative laws relating to automobile mechanics and repair shops in Hawaii.

Vice Chair/Board Member

State of Hawaii, Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board,
2016 - Present

Duties include review, revise and administer State of Hawaii Motor Vehicle Industry licensing and administrative laws relating to automobile dealerships and sales in Hawaii.

Professional Standards and Arbitration Committee

Legal Counsel, Honolulu Board Of Realtors, Maui Board Of Realtors and Kauai Board Of Realtors, 2018 - Present

Advise hearing panels on procedural matters for ethic complaints and arbitration disputes by and between the public, real estate agents, brokers and real estate companies.

Courts In The Community

Mililani High School, Attorney Volunteer, 2014

Duties include teaching high school students at Mililani High School about the judicial system and the appellate process. Examine an actual case to be argued before the Hawaii Supreme Court and have the students assume the role of a Justice, Appellant or Appellee and do a mock argument on the case. Evaluate and discuss the performance of the students. Attend with the students the arguments of the actual case before the Hawaii Supreme Court.

Courts In The Community

Pearl City High School, Attorney Volunteer, 2015

Duties include teaching high school students at Pearl City High School about the judicial system and the appellate process. Examine an actual case to be argued before the Hawaii Supreme Court and have the students assume the role of a Justice, Appellant or Appellee and do a mock argument on the case. Evaluate and discuss the performance of the students. Attend with the students the arguments of the actual case before the Hawaii Supreme Court.

AWARDS

Hawaii State Bar Association, Justice Award, 2003.

The Justice Award honors a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association for outstanding service to the community through extensive pro bono work, support of legal activities beneficial to society, and/or encouragement of public education on legal issues.

Friends of Hickam, Inc., Excellence of Stewardship, 2010

For nine years of service to the Friends of Hickam, Inc. serving at one time or another in the capacity of President, Vice-President, Secretary, membership chair, co-chair of various committees, protocol officer and legal counsel.

LEGAL FRATERNITIES

Phi Delta Phi, William S. Richardson Inn
Charter and Lifetime Member

LECTURES AND SEMINARS:

Panel Speaker: 1993 (Hilo/Kona), 1995 (Maui), 1996 (Kauai), 2003 (Kauai) and
2014 (Hilo)

State of Hawaii

Topic: Statewide Training for Arbitrators

Provided training to Court Annexed Arbitration Program attorneys on how to conduct arbitrations. Lectured on changes in Hawaii's mandatory arbitration law including updates to the rules and procedures. Areas covered included how to evaluate personal injury claims (liability and damages), resolve discovery disputes and how to handle unique issues at the arbitration hearing.

Speaker: 1995

Hawaii Claims Association

Topic: "Hawaii Court Annexed Arbitration Program"

Panel Speaker: 1996

Office Of The Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA)

OSJA Legal Seminar Series

Schofield Barracks Military Base

Topic: You And Your Credit.

Panel Speaker: 1996

Office Of The Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA)

OSJA Legal Seminar Series

Schofield Barracks Military Base

Topic: Small Claims Court in Hawaii

Panel Speaker: 1999

Pacific Law Institute

Topic: Eleventh Annual Seminar on Tort Law

Speaker: 1999

Hawaii Claims Association

Topic: "Litigation Involving Claims of a Minor/Incompetent Defendant"

Panel Speaker: 2001

Lorman Legal Education Seminars

Topic: Taking and Defending Depositions in Hawaii

Panel Speaker: 2003

Lorman Legal Education Seminars

Topic: Automobile Insurance Law and Accident Litigation in Hawaii

Speaker: 2003

Hawaii Claims Association

Topic: "Handling Claims Involving Minors"

Speaker: 2013

Hawaii Claims Association

Topic: "Pre-suit Claims Settlement"

Lead Attorney/Reporter: Bench-Bar Conferences: 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017

Judicial Administration Committee-Civil Bench-Bar Conferences; Lead attorney, facilitator and reporter.

Topic: Various topics including rule and procedure changes, technology in the Courtroom, uniformity amongst the Circuits, all touching upon the civil practice in Circuit and District Courts. Prepare report to the Chief Justice for review and further action.

Panelist Speaker/Facilitator: Bench-Bar Forum, 2014

Judicial Administration Committee-Civil Bench Bar Forum; Co-speaker and panelist with the Honorable Kevin Chang.

Topic: Discovery disputes; discovery resolution options; Federal Court LR 36.1. Prepare report to the Chief Justice for review and further action.

Panelist Speaker/Facilitator: Bench-Bar Forum, 2016

Judicial Administration Committee-Civil Bench Bar Forum; Co-speaker, facilitator and moderator for panel which included Honorable Barry Kurren, Honorable Gary Chang, Honorable Peter Cahill, Howard McPherson, Esq. and Jeffrey Sia, Esq..

Topic: Expert Disclosure; Federal Court Rule 26; whether the Federal rule should be adopted by the State Courts. Prepare report to the Chief Justice for review and further action.

Panelist Speaker/Facilitator: Bench-Bar Forum: 2018

Civil Bench Bar Forum; Co-speaker, facilitator and moderator for panel which included Honorable Jeannette Castignetti, Elijah Yip, Esq. and Geoffrey Komeya, Esq..

Topic: Civil Justice Improvements: Case Management. Prepare report to the Chief Justice for review and further action.

AUTHOR:

Bell, Chow, McWhinnie and Paul, "Taking and Defending Depositions in Hawaii" 2001

Chow, Devens, Hunsaker and Van Etten, "Auto Insurance Law and Accident Litigation In Hawaii", Section: "Preparation of Auto Accident Cases - Defendants Perspective" and "UM and UIM Issues" 2003.

Hawaii Bar Journal: "Why The HSBA Continues To Rate Judicial & Executive Appointments." Steven J.T. Chow, Esq. March 2009.

OTHER PAST AND PRESENT PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii

Board Member, 1995 - 2012

Past President (1997-8) and Secretary (1996-7)

Prevention of child abuse through education, public awareness and advocacy. Promotion of positive parenting and healthy families.

Friends of Hickam, Inc.

Member: 1994 - 2018, 2020 to present.

Board Member, 1997 - 2018 (Chair, Membership Committee)

Past President (2003-04), Vice President (2001-02) and Past Secretary (2000-01)

Friends of Hickam, Inc. is a non-profit organization composed of civic and business leaders in the local community who are interested in showing support for and learning about the Air Force in Hawaii. Friends of Hickam, Inc. serves as facilitators between Hickam Air Force Base and the community and seeks to support, promote and foster favorable relations with those associated with the United States Air Force and Hickam Air Force Base.

Kipapa Elementary School, School Community Based Management (SCBM)
Parent Representative
1997 - 2000

Kipapa Elementary Alumni and Community Foundation
Secretary/Founding Board Member
2000 - 2005

Hawaii United Okinawan Association
Kuba Rosei Kai Club, member, 2003 to present.