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**EDUCATION:**

**University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California**

Juris Doctor,

Member of COMM/ENT Journal of Communications and Entertainment Law

Author: "California Art Preservation Act: Proving Actual Damages," Vol. 10:1

**University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i**

Bachelor of Fine Arts (sculpture),

Master of Fine Arts candidate (sculpture),

Honors: State of Hawai'i Acquisition Award,

**EXPERIENCE:**

**State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Honolulu, Hawai'i**

1979-1981 (Part Time)

Cataloguer of SFCA collection of Relocatable Works of Art

1981-1985 (Full Time)

Curator of SFCA collection of Relocatable Works of Art responsible for acquisition of works of art from juried exhibits, gallery exhibits and artists' studios, archiving of artwork, placement and installation of works of art, and surveying of suitable locations for display of works of art from the SFCA collection.

**Bay Area Lawyers for the Arts - Ft. Mason Center, San Francisco, California**

September 1986 to June 1987

Intern for intake of cases and disputes involving artists in all disciplines and administrator of Mediation Program for resolution of claims of breach of contract and violation of copyright.

**Office of the City Attorney of San Francisco - City Hall, San Francisco, California**

September 1987 to June 1988

Intern assisting with representation of all museums of the City of San Francisco, including Museum of Modern Art, De Young Museum and Palace of the Legion of Honor, in disputes and litigation, as well as providing advisory opinions regarding the San Francisco City Charter provisions.

**Heidell Pittoni Murphy & Bach – New York, New York**

December 1988 to July 1992

Associate Attorney handling pretrial phases of cases claiming medical malpractice, products liability and toxic torts for clients including New York Hospital – Cornell Medical Center; the Hospital for Special Surgery; Manhattan Eye, Ear and Nose Hospital; Anchor Packing; and individual physicians insured by Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company.

**Lester Schwab Katz & Dwyer – New York, New York**

July 1992 to August 1996

Associate Attorney handling trial preparation of cases involving mass torts, products liability, insurance coverage disputes (antissubrogation, defense/indemnification, coinsurance, broker and agent liability, bad faith), premises liability, and automobile liability. Clients included Honda Motors, N.A.,

Chrysler Motors, Kawasaki Motors, Coachmen Industries, E.R. Carpenter, Pratt & Lambert, General Electric, and Westinghouse. Insurance coverage clients included A.I.G., Fireman's Fund, The Travelers and Generali, U.S.

**Roberts & Michioka, L.L.P. – New York, New York**

September 1996 to August 1998

All stages of litigation in tort cases (negligence, premises liability, motor vehicle liability) and insurance disputes and preparation of insurance coverage opinions for insurance companies regarding coverage disputes over pollution exclusions, additional insured coverage, co-insurance, anti-subrogation, pre-indemnification, bad faith and fraud in the application.

**Puglisi & Michioka, P.C. – Lake Success, New York**

August 1998 to June 2002

All aspects of litigation in cases involving premises liability, automobile liability, intentional torts, wrongful termination, insurance coverage disputes, unfair competition, trademark infringement, breach of contract, matrimonial, and civil rights violations. Represented corporate clients in negotiations and closings on bulk sales, asset purchases, asset sales, commercial and residential real estate transactions, licensing and distribution agreements, business transactions, corporate counsel, TROs, wills, and trusts.

**Carlsmith Ball, L.L.P. – Honolulu, Hawai'i**

July 2002 to August 2003

Of counsel in Litigation Department dealing with commercial litigation for clients such as Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties, Campbell Estate, Crazy Shirts, Panya Bakery and City Bank.

**Chong, Nishimoto, Sia, Nakamura & Goya, L.L.L.P. - Honolulu, Hawai'i**

October 2003 to Present (*formerly known as Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura*)

Partner as of January 2009. All stages of litigation in areas of real estate brokers errors and omissions, medical and dental malpractice, products liability, legal malpractice, insurance bad faith, employment discrimination, dram shop liability, premises liability, municipal liability, automobile liability and insurance coverage. Defense of real estate professionals in cases arising from residential real estate transactions. Represent the Real Estate Commission on matters relating to the Real Estate Recovery Fund and the Contractors License Board on matters relating to the Contractors Recovery Fund.

**Oahu District Tennis Association**

2007 to 2013

Member 2007 to 2009, President 2009 to 2013. Managed and organized adult tennis leagues on the island of Oahu for the United States Tennis Association (USTA). Identified omissions of By-Laws that complied with the Hawai'i Nonprofit Corporations Act, failure to hold annual meetings as required, and failure to have policies for records retention, financial reserves, whistleblower protection, or conflicts of interest. I worked with ODTA's treasurer and an outside accountant to develop balanced annual budgets. I prepared and updated By-Laws as well as policies for records retention, financial reserves, whistleblower protection and conflicts of interest, all of which were approved by committees and ultimately adopted by ODTA. I also implemented programs for grants to tennis organizations, adoption by ODTA of courts managed by the City Department of Parks and Recreation for the island of Oahu and court improvements at all courts on Oahu used in the USTA adult leagues.