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John Komeiji is the Chair of the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. The Authority is responsible for the transition and governance structure for the management of Maunakea lands. The purpose of the Authority is to foster a mutual stewardship paradigm in which ecology, the environment, natural resources, cultural practices, education and science are in balance and synergy.

He is the former General Counsel and Vice President for Kamehameha Schools. In that position he was responsible for overseeing Kamehameha Schools' Legal, Ethics and Compliance and Human Resources Groups.

In July 2018, John Komeiji was named President and General Manager for Hawaiian Telcom with responsibility for the overall leadership and management of its operations and corporate staff. He previously served as Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel, responsible for the company's day-to-day business operations.

Prior to joining Hawaiian Telcom, Mr. Komeiji served as senior partner at Watanabe Ing & Komeiji LLP. His practice focused on the litigation of complex commercial, personal injury and professional liability matters.

He earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and a Juris Doctorate from Hastings College of Law. In 2019, he was honored by the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation. Mr. Komeiji was presented the University of Hawai'i Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011.

He is also a past president of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and has served on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Lawyer Competence. A former Adjunct Professor of Law at the William Richardson School of Law, Mr. Komeiji received the Co-Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2002.

Mr. Komeiji serves on numerous boards including as Board Vice Chair for Hawai'i Medical Service Association. In the past, he served as Board Chair for the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific and for the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i.