

# RAVEN JULIA SEVILLEJA, ESQ.

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## EDUCATION

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- Honolulu, HI **WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW**  
*Juris Doctor*
- Honolulu, HI **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science | Cum Laude*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Honolulu, HI **DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, *Deputy Prosecuting Attorney*** Sept '17 to June '25  
Active caseload includes over 40 class A, B & C felonies as assigned to the Career Criminal Unit of the Special Prosecution Division; tried 18 criminal jury trials and over 80 criminal bench trials to verdict in the District Court of the First Circuit, Family Court of the First Circuit, and the Circuit Court of the First Circuit; managing criminal matters at various stages from investigations in conjunction with the Honolulu Police Department, grand jury and preliminary hearing proceedings, pre-trial motion practice, jury/bench trials, sentencings, and post-sentencing hearings on a weekly basis; well-accustomed to the Hawai'i Rules of Evidence, Hawai'i Rules of Penal Procedure, and the Rules of the District and Circuit Courts of the State of Hawai'i; practice includes trial advocacy, pleading composition, criminal investigations from initiation to closing, screening and charging decisions, discovery compliance, and navigating witness and victim relationships and expectations
- Hilo, HI **CIRCUIT COURT (HAWAI'I THIRD CIRCUIT), *Law Clerk to Judge Greg K. Nakamura*** Aug '16 to Aug '17  
Performed bailiff duties during civil and criminal hearings and trial proceedings; facilitated the Court's dual civil and criminal calendars; composed advisories, decisions, orders, and findings of fact and conclusions of law; conducted civil and criminal legal research on topics such as foreclosures, fraudulent conveyances, attorneys' fees, search and seizure, and withdrawal of pleas
- Honolulu, HI **U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT, *Judicial Extern to Judge Richard R. Clifton*** Sept '14 to Dec '14  
Composed comment memos, bench memos, and memorandum dispositions for judicial recommendations to affirm or deny motions pertaining to federal sentencing guidelines, habeas corpus, and Fourth Amendment privacy rights; researched application and implications of recent Supreme Court decisions and Ninth Circuit precedent in Hawai'i, Oregon, and federal jurisdictions
- Honolulu, HI **CIRCUIT COURT (O'AHU FIRST CIRCUIT), *Judicial Intern to Judge Shirley M. Kawamura & Judge Paul B.K. Wong*** Summer '14  
Authored original bench memos for judicial recommendations to grant or deny motions pertaining to criminal conduct, procedure, and constitutional issues for the Sixth Division sitting judges; researched constitutionality of Hawai'i Revised Statutes (with extensive involvement in the pleading to decision stages in *State v. Pacquing*, 139 Hawai'i 302 (2016)) and charging instrument sufficiency across other jurisdictions; fulfilled law clerk duties for jury trials and hearings; facilitated and observed criminal court proceedings
- Kapolei, HI **FAMILY COURT (O'AHU FIRST CIRCUIT), *Judicial Extern to Chief Judge R. Mark Browning*** Summer '14  
Drafted research memos on pertinent legislative impact on juvenile detention facility policies and constitutionality of adoption statutes drawing from several jurisdictions; researched complex international and national jurisdictional questions of the service of process; certified and processed court orders for the Temporary Restraining Order Unit; assisted staff attorneys with judicial recommendations to grant or deny motions pertaining to divorce and paternity cases
- Washington, DC **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *University of Hawai'i Congressional Fellow*** Jan '13 to May '13  
Served as a director of constituent services for Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (HI-01) as a recipient of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa U.S. Congressional Internship Scholarship; collaborated with legislative assistants on pertinent bills for the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress; composed memo briefings on various hearings related to immigration, natural resources, and Asian-American and Pacific Islander voting issues

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN HONOLULU BRANCH  
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION: *Criminal Justice Section, Government & Public Sector Lawyers Division, Young Lawyers Division*  
FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, *2023 Legal Counsel*  
FILIPINO JAYCESS OF HONOLULU, *2021 Individual Development Vice President & Secretary, 2022 Executive Vice President*  
HAWAII FILIPINO LAWYERS ASSOCIATION  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION: *Government Lawyers Section, Young Lawyers Division (2022-2024 O'ahu Director)*  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FELLOW 2022  
HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS  
NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION, *Women Prosecutors Section*  
NATIONAL FILIPINO AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

## WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY, *President*  
AMERICAN INNS OF COURT,  
*John S. Burns Aloha Chapter*  
ADVOCATES FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW  
ASIAN-PACIFIC LAW & POLICY JOURNAL,  
*Senior Editor*  
HAWAII'I ACCESS TO JUSTICE INITIATIVE

HAWAII'I INNOCENCE PROJECT  
HAWAII WOMEN'S LEGAL FOUNDATION  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MOOT COURT TEAM,  
*Team Captain*  
SBA LAW STUDENT GOVERNMENT, *Senator SUSAN  
B. MCKAY ORAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION*  
*Score of 72 out of 75*

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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Honolulu, HI	AAUW HONOLULU BRANCH CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SUMMER 2023 GRANT AWARDEE
Honolulu, HI	GEORGE M. AND EVELYN W. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Honolulu, HI	UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII' I AT MĀNOA U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Honolulu, HI	PI SIGMA ALPHA NATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER
Honolulu, HI	GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER
Honolulu, HI	UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII' I AT MĀNOA DEAN'S LIST
Torrance, CA	EL CAMINO COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST
Torrance, CA	EL CAMINO COLLEGE FOUNDATION DONORS' SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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Honolulu, HI	HONOLULU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, <i>Committee Member</i>	Nov '21 to Nov '24
	Served a three-year term appointment by Mayor Rick Blangiardi as a county-level commissioner to address issues and concerns of women in Honolulu; advise, recommend and evaluate pertinent issues to the Mayor and City Council; advance the status of women through education, awareness, development, and training; acknowledge and nurture the diverse culture of Honolulu's community of women and non-binary individuals	
Honolulu, HI	THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES, <i>Assisted Community Treatment Legal Volunteer</i>	Sept '20 to Nov '22
	In a collaborative effort with the Executive Director and Staff Attorney, drafted and revised Assisted Community Treatment (ACT) petitions; formed a working team of doctors, directors, attorneys, and legislators to advance legislative agendas and initiatives to revise and improve the existing statute to include out-of-state precedent and remedies for current litigation pitfalls; identified constitutional and evidentiary challenges to ACT petitions to assist in appellate proceedings in the Intermediate Court of Appeals	