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EDUCATION AND DEGREE

- Juris Doctor law, Stanford Law School;

“UNIFIED FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT: PERSPECTIVES FROM HAWAII”

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BIOGRAPHY

Organization and Position: Judge of the First Circuit Court, Judiciary of the State of Hawaii

WORK EXPERIENCE

- In 1991, Associate attorney with a San Francisco law firm;
- 1993-1995, Court clerk to Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Paula Nakayama;
- In 2002, Per diem judge and subsequently was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii as a judge of Family Court of the First Circuit Court;
- 2002-2005, Adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law;
- 2010-2017, Presiding judge of the specialized Juvenile Drug Court of the First Circuit;
- In 2017, Appointed to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit by the Governor of Hawaii;
- 2018-2021 (and currently), Presiding judge for the First Circuit Court’s specialty courts, including Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Veterans Treatment Court;
- In 2021, Returned to Family Court as the Senior Judge.