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Founded in 1947, Torkildson, Katz, Moore, Hetherington & Harris is a 68 year old “AV” rated law firm with offices located in Honolulu and Hilo. Practice areas include employment and labor law representing management, complex litigation, tax law, real estate, land use, corporate, health care, immigration, non-profit law and administrative licensing.

VAUGHN G. T. COOK is a director (partner) of the firm’s Hawaii Island office. Mr. Cook received his B.S.C. degree from Santa Clara University where he majored in Accounting and minored in Japanese. He received his J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law and his LL.M. (in Taxation) from the University of Washington School of Law. Prior to joining the firm Mr. Cook was a tax manager with Deloitte & Touche, one of the Big Four accounting firms, in its Seattle office.

Mr. Cook's practice includes taxation law, general business/commercial law, immigration, and administrative licensing law statewide. Within the taxation area, Mr. Cook’s areas of concentration are international taxation, corporate taxation and general business transactional planning for both profit and non-profit corporations. Mr. Cook also practices in the areas of commercial transactions, advising both closely held companies and individuals. Mr. Cook has been invited to speak on topics including taxation, immigration, nonprofit and corporate issues.

As a resident of the Firm’s Hawaii Island office which handles all of the Firm’s immigration work, Mr. Cook counsels colleges, schools, companies, airlines, scientific research institutions, hotels and individuals on non-immigrant working visas, immigrant visas, and related immigration matters.

Mr. Cook is a member of the Hawaii Bar, the Washington State Bar, the United States District Court in Hawaii, and the United States Tax Court. He is also a certified public accountant licensed in the state of Hawaii (not in public practice), a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants. He is Past-President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, the Hawaii County Bar Association and the Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai. He is currently Treasurer of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of the Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai and a director of VASH Hawaii Island (formerly known as the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii).