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APHIRAK BAMRUNGRUAN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hawaii Department of Human Services Limited English Proficient (LEP) Project Manager

- Oversee and manage the development and implementation of department-wide systems, programs, policies and procedures designed to address the language needs for the Department's LEP applicants and clients.
- Assess the status and effectiveness of efforts to identify solutions to language access. Identify deficiencies and creating corresponding solutions.
- Establish priorities, methodologies and means by which to measure outcomes.
- Research and recommend adoption of language translation proficiency standards that meet federal and state requirements for different interactions or transactions.
- Develop and implement systems, tools and processes to implement, evaluate and maintain adopted proficiency standards.
- Interface and collaborate with federal agencies and other state departments, service agencies, contractors and private sector partners to establish and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive department-wide plan to address LEP issues and concerns.
- Serve as the LEP consultant to departmental staff and serve as the lead representative at internal and external meetings and conferences that deal with LEP related issues.
- Advise the Director about alternatives and means by which to improve the access to services for LEP applicants and clients.

Hawaii Department of Human Services Limited English Proficient (LEP) Project Coordinator

- Developed a detailed translation project implementation plan identifying goals, schedules, deliverables, risks, assignments, communications, etc.
- Coordinated with division staff to carry out and oversee translation project.
- Utilized appropriate division staff as well as outside resources to seek the proper knowledge, skills and abilities required to carry out the objectives/activities of the project.
- Regularly monitored progress, evaluated variations from planned outcomes and scheduled and made necessary adjustments.
- Participated in community-based committees and planning groups; solicited community input, coordinated discussions and conducted field research related to language access.
- Assisted the LEP Project manager in processing and tracking language services requests.
- Served as liaison between the contractor(s) and staff(s) to resolve issues regarding contract performance and quality of service.
- Developed Request for Proposals (REP) for contracted translation services, evaluated proposals, and negotiated and executed contracts for services.

Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii Staff Attorney

- Reviewed legal intakes/case summaries generated by intake staff and volunteers to ensure that information was complete and accurate.
- Provided and facilitated training for staff and volunteers on topics relating to legal services.
- Developed and maintained internal policies, procedures and guidelines relating to the delivery of legal services through the agency's clinics, workshops and other programs.
- Prepared reports regarding the Legal Services Division's activities.



- Promoted pro bono service by attorneys in Hawaii at private and public events.
- Identified and assessed ways to expand and improve the delivery of legal services to the indigent in Hawaii.
- Supervised and reviewed the work of clinic and workshop staff and volunteers.
- Worked cooperatively and closely with staff to develop, maintain and update case handling procedures.

Hawaii Civil Rights Commission Investigator

- Examined alleged violations of equal opportunity laws and policies as they related to employment, housing, public service and public accommodation.
- Interviewed employees, reviewed personnel documents, and analyzed employee data.
- Conducted fact finding, settlement and mediation conferences to resolve discrimination complaints.

Law Office of Aphirak Bamrungruan Solo Practitioner

- Self-employed attorney responsible for all the business decisions and activities of the firm.
- Represented clients principally in business and family immigration law, including student visas, H-1B visas, fiancé(e) visas, spousal and family visas, investor visas, human trafficking visas, asylum, adjustment of status, naturalization, and other related matters.
- Represented clients in administrative interviews before US Citizenship & Immigration Services, and in deportation proceedings before the Honolulu Immigration Court and the Board of Immigration Appeals.
- Represented clients in matters involving divorces, paternity, adoption and restraining orders.

Domestic Violence Action Center Staff Attorney

- Screened and interviewed clients.
- Drafted pleadings and conducted legal research.
- Represented clients as a trial lawyer in Family Court and provided legal case management.
- Instructed a legal information class at the Family Court.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, Honolulu, Hawaii

Juris Doctor and Pacific Asian Legal Study Certification.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, Honolulu, Hawaii Master of Laws (LL.M.)

INSTITUTE OF LEGAL EDUCATION, Bangkok, Thailand Barrister-at-Law

THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY, Bangkok, Thailand Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

CERTIFICATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND AFFILIATIONS

Hawaii State Bar Association U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii Thai Bar Association



