

**RICHARD K. MINATOYA**



**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA**  
**WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Juris Doctor - [REDACTED]  
Activities: Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Majority coursework completed for Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
Los Angeles, California

Bachelor of Arts, Economics - [REDACTED]  
Honors: 1987 Harry S. Truman Scholar  
Dean's List  
Army ROTC 4-Year Scholarship  
Alpha Lambda Delta National Freshman Honor Society

**KAUAI HIGH SCHOOL**  
Lihue, Hawaii

Graduate - [REDACTED]  
Honors: Male Scholar Athlete  
National Honor Society

**KAUAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Lihue, Hawaii

Early Admission - [REDACTED]

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2007-Present

**DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
COUNTY OF MAUI**

Wailuku, Hawaii

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Supervisor, Appellate, Asset Forfeiture & Administrative Services  
Division

Serves as Acting Prosecuting Attorney in the absence of the Prosecuting Attorney and the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Handles criminal appellate cases to the Hawaii state appellate courts, Hawaii Rules of Penal Procedure Rule 40 petitions, federal habeas cases and appeals, and asset forfeiture matters. Appears before trial level courts in the Second Circuit (district and circuit), the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals, the Hawaii Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Files briefs before the United States Supreme Court. Supervises other deputy prosecuting attorneys in the division and a legal assistant. Assists with departmental administrative matters. Handles legislative matters before the Hawaii State Legislature and Maui County Council. Serves on the management committee. Serves on Hawaii Judiciary committees on criminal jury instructions and the rules of penal procedure. Serves as an instructor for training deputy prosecutors in the office, deputy prosecutors in other jurisdictions, and Maui police officers. Serves on statewide prosecutor training committee. Handles personnel matters and internal investigations. Asset forfeiture team selected as departmental team of the year in FY 2007-2008. Selected departmental manager of the year in FY 2009-2010.

2006-2007

**DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
COUNTY OF MAUI**

Wailuku, Hawaii

Legal Assistant

Served as a paralegal drafting appellate briefs while waiting for a deputy prosecuting attorney position to become available.

2005-2006

**OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
COUNTY OF KAUAI**

Lihue, Hawaii

First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Served as second in command in the office. Supervised all deputy prosecuting attorneys and staff, in particular, appellate, asset forfeiture and district court sections. Handled district, family and circuit court cases. Specifically assigned white collar, violent crime, firearms and probation revocation cases. Handled legislative matters before the legislature and county council. Dealt with budgetary and personnel issues. Served on Hawaii Judiciary committees on criminal jury instructions and the rules of penal procedure. Member of the legislatively created human trafficking task force and the federally created Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task Force, Serves as an instructor for training deputy prosecutors in the office, deputy prosecutors in other jurisdictions, and Kauai police officers. Served on the statewide prosecutor training committee. Attended meetings of the Hawaii Prosecuting Attorneys Association and the State Law Enforcement Coalition. Served as Acting Prosecuting Attorney in the absence of the prosecuting attorney.

2003-2004

**LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD K. MINATOYA, LLLC**  
Lihue, Hawaii

Private practice of law. Handled personal injury, workers' compensation, construction, general civil, business litigation, collection, real estate, and criminal defense cases.

2002-2003

**DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**  
**COUNTY OF MAUI**  
Wailuku, Hawaii

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Handled criminal appellate cases to the Hawaii state appellate courts, Hawaii Rules of Penal Procedure Rule 40 petitions, federal habeas cases and appeals to federal courts. Served on Hawaii Judiciary committees on criminal jury instructions and the rules of penal procedure. Served as an instructor for training Maui police officers.

2001-2002

**DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL**  
**COUNTY OF MAUI**  
Wailuku, Hawaii

Deputy Corporation Counsel

Prepared legal opinions for the Office of the Mayor, County Council and departments. Assigned to advise the Planning, Water Supply, Liquor, and Fire departments and boards/commissions. Also advised the County Council and Office of the Mayor. Handled litigation cases and tax appeals.

1999-2001

**DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
COUNTY OF MAUI**  
Wailuku, Hawaii

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Handled criminal appellate cases to the Hawaii state appellate courts, Hawaii Rules of Penal Procedure Rule 40 petitions, federal habeas cases and appeals to federal courts. Served as an instructor for training Maui police officers.

1997-1999

**RICHARD K. MINATOYA, ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Solo practitioner in private general law practice, concentrating in the areas of criminal law, real estate law, business law and administrative law.

1997-1999

**OFFICE OF SENATOR JOE TANAKA**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Chief of Staff

Oversaw the general operations of the office in the Hawaii State Capitol. Drafted and reviewed legislation. Provided legal advice and opinions.

1997

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF HAWAII  
HOUSE MAJORITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Staff Attorney

Conducted legal research regarding state statutes and legislation, prepared draft legislation and other legal documents, coordinated legislative research, conducted third reading legal reviews on legislation, and performed other related duties as directed.

1994-1996

**COUNTY OF KAUAI**  
Lihue, Hawaii

County Councilmember

Served as an elected county councilmember. Chair of Committee on Public Safety & Services/Intergovernmental Relations. Member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) land use committee.

1992-1997

**SHIRAIISHI & MURASHIGE  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW, A LAW CORPORATION  
Lihue, Hawaii**

Associate Attorney

General practice of law concentrating in the areas of real estate law, land use law, commercial litigation, collections, criminal law, and administrative law.

**PERSONAL**

Licensed to practice law before the Hawaii state courts, U. S. District Court - District of Hawaii, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Supreme Court of the United States

Associate Director - National District Attorneys Association  
(2017-Present)

President - Kiwanis Club of Kahului, Maui (2012-13, 2014-Present)

William A. Dunlap Fellowship

George F. Hixson Fellowship

President - Kiwanis Club of Kahului, Maui Foundation (2014-Present)

Director - Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation (2012-Present)

Member - USC Hawaii Alumni Club (Vice President 2012-13)

Recipient - Widney Alumni House Award (2012)

Chair - Maui County Sister Cities Foundation (2014-15)

Secretary (2013-14)

Vice Chair (2017-Present)

President - Maui Japanese Chamber of Commerce (2012-Present)

Member - Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce

Director (2016)

Legal Counsel (2017-Present)

Member - Hawaii State Bar Association

Member - Maui County Bar Association (served as Director)

Arbitrator - Court Annexed Arbitration Program (2nd Circuit)

Member - Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management

2011-Present (formerly State Civil Defense Advisory  
Council)

Associate Member - I Company, 442nd Veterans Club Maui

Second Vice President – Maui 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club

Former Member - Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy (served as Chair)

Judge - Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship