

MELANIE S. MATSUI

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Admitted: [REDACTED]
Attorney Number: 5851

LEGAL-RELATED EMPLOYMENT

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD Honolulu, Hawaii

Board Member. September 2008 – Present
Member of three-member board in hearings and trials. Conducts initial, status, and settlement conferences. Participates in decision-making in workers' compensation issues on appeal. Drafts orders and decisions. Assists in administration of office functions, including managing assignments and monitoring progress of draft decision and orders, collaborating with co-employees on implementing initiatives for improvement, and reviewing and analyzing monthly and yearly progress.

MATSUI CHUNG SUMIDA & TSUCHIYAMA Honolulu, Hawaii

Associate. September 2001 – August 2008
Represented employers in workers' compensation cases at the Disability Compensation Division and Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board and in recovering workers' compensation liens from third-parties. Represented defendants in civil litigation through arbitration, mediation or settlement. Major areas of practice: workers' compensation, premises liability and motor vehicle torts.

KESSNER DUCA UMEBAYASHI BAIN & MATSUNAGA Honolulu, Hawaii

Associate. July 1996 – August 2001
Represented employers in workers' compensation cases at the Disability Compensation Division and Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board and in recovering workers' compensation liens from third-parties. Represented defendants in civil litigation through arbitration, mediation or settlement. Major areas of practice: premises liability, products liability, motor vehicle torts, contracts, and medical torts. Represented landlords in landlord-tenant disputes, including summary possession and collection of judgments. Other responsibilities: interviewing and supervising paralegals and secretaries and managing library.

LEROY T. KUWASAKI, JR., AAL, ALC Honolulu, Hawaii

Associate. February 1993 - June 1996
Represented employers in workers' compensation cases at the Disability Compensation Division and Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board.

EDUCATION

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW Salem, Oregon

J.D., [REDACTED]

Chairperson - [REDACTED] Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner

Organized dinner and program for 1,000 people, supervised sub-committee members, acted as liaison between club and university administration regarding all aspects of event.

President - [REDACTED] Multi-Cultural Law Student Association

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY Salem, Oregon

B.S., English, [REDACTED]

Outstanding Service Award

Outstanding Program Leadership Award

Hawaii Club President

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Peer Counselor. Assisted minority students with academic and social concerns. Acted as liaison between student organizations and university administration.

EASTERN OREGON STATE COLLEGE LaGrande, Oregon

Music Course-work

MISCELLANEOUS

Proficient in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel

Board Member: Haleiwa Jodo Mission

Member: Haleiwa Jodo Mission Y.B.A.

Board Member: Friends of the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii (2001-2004)

National Judicial College Administrative Law: Fair Hearing Course (2013)

Group Facilitator - National Judicial College Administrative Law: Fair Hearing Course (2017)