

**MORRIS MINORU ATTA**

Attorney at Law

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

**State of Hawaii**

October, 1984

**United States District Court**

**District of Hawaii**

October, 1984

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:**

**Real Estate Salesman's License**

**State of Hawaii**

April, 1991 to December, 1994

**EDUCATION:**

**New York University School of Law**

New York City, New York

Juris Doctor - May

**Yale University**

New Haven, Connecticut

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

**Roosevelt High School**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Diploma

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**State of Hawaii**

**Department of Agriculture**

**Agricultural Resource Management Division**

Honolulu, Hawaii:

2017 to Present

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Agricultural Land Program Manager/Administrator:

Areas of Responsibility: Serve as Program Manager of Agricultural Land Program for the Agricultural Resource Management Division to ensure economical and productive management of State-owned agricultural lands by promoting and supporting effective planning, acquisition, disposition, development, and use of the State's agricultural land resources. More specifically to oversee the day-to-day management and operations of Land Program, including without limitation: (1) public lands management; (2) statutes, rules, policies and procedures review; (3) operating and CIP budget oversight; (4) land transaction negotiation; (5) legislative, interagency and intra-agency committee, working group and task force participation; (6) media and public inquiry management; and (7) personnel, revenue development, and information systems oversight.

**Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation**

**City & County of Honolulu**

Honolulu, Hawaii

2013 to 2017

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Deputy Director, Right-of-Way:

Areas of Responsibility: Serve as head of land acquisition for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project and oversees right-of-way acquisition, real property management, and is primarily responsible for agency compliance with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. Responsibilities include, without limitation: (1) right-of-way acquisition; (2) relocation of displaced occupants; (3) project asset management; (4) statutes, rules, policies and procedures review and compliance; (5) oversight and management over a \$222 million budget; (6) legislative, interagency and intra-agency committee, working group and task force participation; and (7) media and public inquiry management.

**State of Hawaii**

**Department of Land and Natural Resources**

**Land Division**

Honolulu, Hawaii:

2004 to 2013

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

State Lands Administrator:

Areas of Responsibility: Serve as administrator of Land Division to ensure economical and productive management of State-owned lands by effective use and planning, acquisition, disposition, development and management, as well as protection and preservation of resources. Support the State's priorities to support agriculture, increase renewable energy production, protect natural resources and the environment, and perpetuate Hawaii's unique cultural identity. More specifically to oversee the day-to-day management and operations of Land Division, including without limitation: (1) public lands management; (2) statutes, rules, policies and procedures review; (3) operating and CIP budget oversight; (4)

land transaction negotiation; (5) legislative, interagency and intra-agency committee, working group and task force participation; (6) media and public inquiry management; and (7) personnel, revenue development, and information systems oversight.

**Special Projects Coordinator:**

**Areas of Responsibility:** Coordinate and manage various special projects and issues regarding public lands, including without limitation: (1) oversight and management of shoreline certifications and appeals, agricultural leasing, coastal resources, commercial activities, water and mineral resources, agricultural resources, ocean resources, natural hazards, environmental hazards, dam safety, emergency and disaster response, renewable energy issues, contested cases; (2) provide general legislative research and support; (3) participate in legislative, interagency and intra-agency committees, working groups and task forces; and (4) assist in the management of the Division in the absence of the Administrator.

**Hawaii State Senate**

**Senate Majority Research Office**

Honolulu, Hawaii

1996, 1997, 1998 and 2004 Legislative Sessions

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Research Attorney

**Areas of Practice:** General legislative research, statutory drafting, and legal advice, primarily in the areas of Land, Water, Agriculture, Health, Energy, and the Environment.

**Hawaii State Senate**

**Senate Judiciary Committee**

Honolulu, Hawaii

2001

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Senior Staff Attorney

**Areas of Practice:** General legislative research, statutory drafting, and legal advice, primarily in the areas relating to courts; crime prevention and control, including juvenile justice matters; criminal code revision; statutory revision; campaign spending and elections; constitutional matters; programs of the Attorney General, Public Defender and Judiciary; government records and information practices; individual rights and civil liberties; and programs relating to public safety and corrections.

**State of Hawaii**

**Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**Professional and Vocational Licensing Division**

**Real Property Branch**

Honolulu, Hawaii

1998 to 2000

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Condominium Law Specialist

Areas of Practice: Real Estate Commission research support, provide general advice and information to the public, develop and maintain an alternative dispute resolution program for condominium issues.

**Morris M. Atta**

**Attorney at Law**

**Private Practice**

Honolulu, Hawaii

1990 to 2004

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Areas of Practice: General Practice with emphasis in Real Property, Environmental, Land Use, Health, Intellectual Property, Estate Planning, General Business, and Nonprofit Law.

**Muranaka Environmental Consultants, Inc.**

Honolulu, Hawaii

1989 to 1990

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Director, Vice President, Secretary & General Counsel

Areas of Practice: Environmental, General Business, Labor and Personnel, Corporate, and Real Property Law.

**Bishop Trust Company, Ltd. and**

**American Trust Company of Hawaii, Inc.**

Honolulu, Hawaii

1987 to 1989

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Corporate Counsel

Areas of Practice: Environmental, Real Property, Employee Benefits, Personal Trusts, Probate, Tax, Labor, General Business and Corporate Law.

**Bays, Deaver, Hiatt, Kawachika & Lezak**

Honolulu, Hawaii

1986 to 1987

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Associate Attorney

Areas of Practice: Real Property, Land Use, Construction, Banking and Finance, General Business and Corporate Law.

**Moon, O'Connor, Tam & Yuen**

Honolulu, Hawaii

1984 to 1986

Full Time (40 to 60 per week)

Associate Attorney

Areas of Practice: Real Property, Banking and Finance, Bankruptcy, and General Business Law.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

**National Asian Pacific American Bar Association**

Member, 2018 to Present

**Hawaii State Bar Association**

Member, 1984 to Present

Section Memberships: Natural Resources, Vice Chair – 2011-2012; Corporate Counsel, Secretary - 1989; Government Lawyers; Real Property & Financial Services; Probate & Estate Planning; Labor Law.

**American Bar Association**

Member, 1984 to 2004

Section Memberships: Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law; Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice; Construction Industry; Business Law; Real Property, Probate and Trust Law.

**American Industrial Hygiene Association - Hawaii Chapter**

Legal Advisor, 1993 to 1996

**National Association of Environmental Professionals / Hawaii Association of Environmental Professionals**

Member, 1991 to 1996

**American Corporate Counsel Association**

Member, 1989 to 1991

Committee Memberships: Environmental Law; Young lawyers.

**Non-profit Corporation Legal Assistance Program**

Participating Attorney, 1988 to 1990

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AND NONPROFITS:**

**Association of Apartment Owners of Pu'uwai Place, Phases I & II**

Board of Directors: Director & President, 2019 to Present

**American Diabetes Association**

**Advocacy Committee**

Member, 2012 to Present, Chair 2016 to Present

**Community Leadership Board**

Member, 2016 to Present

**ADA National Legislative & Regulatory Subcommittee**

Member, 2017 to Present

**Creative Arts Experience**

Board of Directors: Director, 2015 to Present

**Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus**

Board of Directors: Director, 2008 to 2010

**Volunteer Resource Center of Hawaii**

Board of Directors: Director, 2002 to 2008; President, 2002 to 2006

**Honolulu Boy Choir**

Board of Directors: Director, 2001 to 2006

**Hawaii State Parent Teacher Student Association**

Pro Bono Legal Advisor and Lecturer on nonprofit legal issues, 1998 to 2001

**Oahu Teen Line Peer Listener Project**

Advisory Committee, 1994 to 1995

**Honolulu Printmaking Workshop**

Member, January 1990 to 2004

Board of Directors, Director - 1991-1993

**Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce**

Member, Cherry Blossom Festival - Taishu Engeki Co-Chairperson, 1991 to 1992

**Association of Apartment Owners of Cliffside Villages**

Board of Directors: Director & President, 1988 to 1990

**Young Buddhist Association of Honolulu**

Board of Directors: Director, 1984 to 1990; President, 1987 to 1989

**AVOCATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

**Osato Doshi Kai**

**Hawaii United Okinawa Association**

Member, Lifetime

**The Cactus and Succulent Society of Hawaii**

Member, June 2005 to 2011

**Kaimuki Orchid Society**

Member, January 2005 to 2009

**Hui Pohaku 'O Hawaii**

**The Rock and Mineral Society of Hawaii, Inc.**

Member, January 2004 to 2009

**Association of Hawaii Artists**

Member, July 1993 to 1996

**Hawaii Watercolor Society**

Author, "Art & the Law" column for monthly newsletter, 1996 to 1998

REFERENCES AND WRITING SAMPLES SUBMITTED UPON REQUEST.