

## EDUCATION

**William S. Richardson School of Law**  
*J.D. & Certificate in Native Hawaiian Law*

*2012 First Place & Best Advocate*  
*Native American Moot Court National Competition*

*2012 Best Oralist*  
*Native American Moot Court National Competition*

*2011- 2012 Student Bar Association*  
*President*

*2012 Slow-danced with Supreme Court Justice*  
*Sonia Sotomayor*

**University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**  
*B.A. in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i*

**Tufts University**

**Kamehameha Schools - Kapālama**

## BAR ADMISSIONS

**State of Hawai'i**  
*Admitted November 2012*

**U.S. District Court, District of Hawai'i**  
*Admitted November 2012*

## EXPERIENCE

**Elemental Excelerator** *Aug. 2018 - Sep. 2019*  
*Partnerships Manager - Hawai'i*

Oversaw the Elemental Hui - a partnership network of local business, non-profit, educational, and philanthropic institutions including Kamehameha Schools, Hawaiian Electric Companies, Servco Pacific, Hawai'i Energy, American Savings Bank, and several angel donors and family foundations. Responsible for the development and expansion of the Hui initiative in its second year, including recruitment strategy for critical local organizations.

Managed Hawai'i-based stakeholder, customer, and community partner relations in coordination with the CEO and Managing Director of Policy and Community. Represents Elemental at Hawai'i Business Roundtable (HBR) Committee Meetings and was appointed to oversee storytelling and messaging strategies for the HBR Innovation Economy Task Force.

**Self-Employed** *Dec. 2017 - Aug. 2018*  
*Independent Contractor*

Co-authored and co-edited legal pleadings in Waters v. Nago, which successfully overturned the 2018 election results in the District IV Honolulu City Counsel race and resulted in a successful second campaign for City Counsel on behalf of Tommy Waters.

Drafted successful bids for State level procurements valued at \$1.1M in contracted work for local consulting firm, Solutions Pacific.

Served as political consultant and campaign manager for Friends of Kim Coco Iwamoto and consultant for Friends of Tommy Waters - including management of field, finance, communication, and strategy teams.

**Office of the Public Defender** *Sep. 2013 - Dec. 2017*  
*Deputy Public Defender III*

Successfully argued State v. Kalua before the Hawai'i Supreme Court in June 2016. Decision issued January 2019.

Appeared before the Hawai'i Supreme Court, Circuit Court, District Court, Family Court, Juvenile Court, and Hawai'i Paroling Authority.

Took over 50 cases to trial before juries and the bench and argued innumerable substantive and procedural motions. Maintained a case load of approximately 25 pre-trial felony cases and 40 post conviction cases including parole hearings, probation violations, resentencing, and new offenses.

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**William S. Richardson School of Law (WSRSL)  
Alumni Association - Non-Profit 501(c)(3)**

*President*  
2018 - 2019  
2015 - 2017

*Vice-President*  
2017 - 2018  
2014 - 2015

*Dean's Appointee*  
2012 - 2014

Testified before the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents regarding funding for the construction of the law school Clinical Building.

Successfully negotiated and reinstated the first Memorandum of Agreement with law school administration since 2008.

Eliminated cost-ineffective fundraising opportunities and commissioned fundraising committee tasked with establishing the first-ever fundraising benchmarks, identifying new fundraising opportunities, and compiling updated donor and alumni lists.

Commissioned mentorship committee tasked with establishing a mentorship program pairing law school alumni with law school students. Mentorship program successfully launched in the Spring of 2019 with over 50 alumni mentors paired with law students.

**Native Hawaiian Bar Association**  
*Board Member*  
2018 - 2019

**Portuguese Chamber of Commerce**  
*Board Member*  
Mar. 2019 - Present

## EXPERIENCE

**Chambers of the Hon. Dexter D. Del Rosario** *Aug. 2012 - Sep. 2013*  
*Law Clerk*

Drafted orders, findings of fact and conclusions of law, and legal memos for the Judge's review and approval.

Responded to inquiries from public and parties to cases, including documentation of ex parte communications for court and attorneys to maintain impartiality and transparency.

Served as bailiff in the courtroom – managing attorneys, clients, witnesses, and the court's calendar.

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs** *Jan. 2011 - July 2011*  
*Legislative Fellow*

Assisted in editing "Introduction to Hawaii's Land Classification and Management System-A Manual for Residents" – published 2017.

Assisted Public Policy Advocates and Public Policy Department with research and reporting during the 2011 Legislative session and planning for the 2012 Legislative session.

Reviewed bills and resolutions to identify matters that had direct impacts on OHA beneficiaries and drafted testimony in response.