

KATHLEEN S. Y. HO

EDUCATION

Lewis and Clark Law School
LLM Environmental Law
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California
J.D.

Research Assistant, Professor Justin Smith

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
San Francisco, California
B.S. Biology

**BAR
MEMBERSHIP**

Hawai'i (1983)

**JUDICIAL
CLERKSHIP**

Law Clerk to the Honorable Leland Spencer
First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i, 1983–1984

EXPERIENCE

Deputy Attorney General, Health Division (1992-present)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For the last 27 years, represented the State of Hawai'i in all aspects of environmental law, including advice and counsel, procurement, rulemaking, defense and enforcement which include the following matters:

Hazardous Waste Branch

DOH v. University of Hawai'i (Bildger Hall) Obtained \$1.7 million fine against the University of Hawai'i for mishandling hazardous waste in a Manoa campus chemistry building.

Office of Solid Waste Management

Managed all enforcement matters that the Office of Solid Waste Management has brought by the DOH, including cases against the City and Waste Management for permit violations at Waimanalo Gulch.

Natural Resource Damages

Advocate for the State Trustees (DOH and DLNR) when the State's natural resources were impacted due to vessel groundings. An example of this is the cargo ship M/V Cape Flattery, which ran aground near the entrance of Barbers Point Harbor. The grounding

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resulted in approximately 19.5 acres of coral that was damaged. The defendants settled with the State and Federal trustee for \$7.5 million.

Environmental Crimes

Prosecuted individuals and business for violations of the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act.

Clean Water

DOH v. James Pflueger. Represented the DOH against Pflueger for illegal grading which resulted environmental contamination into Pila'a Bay. A favorable resolution was obtained resulting a fine of \$1.17 million.

DOH v. City and County Honolulu. Represented DOH in a multiparty Clean Water Act litigation against the City and County of Honolulu. This was a high-profile wastewater collection and treatment system litigation involving EPA and various environmental groups. Negotiated Consent Decree entered into Federal District Court.

OEQC and Environmental Council

From 1993-2006 advised OEQC and the Environmental Council on various matters, including drafting the 1996 administrative rules.

Adjunct Professor (1994-1997)

WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW
Honolulu, Hawai'i
Hazardous Waste Law and Pretrial Litigation

Deputy Corporation Counsel, (1991-1992)

THE DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Participate in and oversaw all aspects of the defense of the City and County of Honolulu in environmental, excessive-force, and tort cases involving constitutional, statutory claims.

Partner, (1984-1990)

LEE, HENDERSON AND WONG
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Participate in and oversaw all aspects of the presentation or defense of claims in matters involving insurance defense and coverage matter in state and federal courts.

AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

U.S. Department of Justice, Certificate of Commendation
Department of the Attorney General, Sustained Superior Performance Award
Department of Health, Certificate of Appreciation

References upon request