

## CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN

**GOV. MSG. NO. 583**

### RESUME

#### Work Experience

- Owner and manager of The Family Farm, Inc., a 20 acre certified organic farm, supplying local markets with bananas, lychees, and rambutans, 1995-present.
- Planning Director, Hawai'i County, Dec. 2000-Dec. 2008.
- Private practice of law, 1987-Dec. 2000, primarily civil litigation. As a pro bono attorney, briefed and argued a case in the Supreme Court of the United States, winning a 1993 decision protecting homeowners' rights.
- Deputy Corporation Counsel, County of Hawai'i, 1982-1987.
- Interpretive Naturalist, National Park Service, 1978-1979, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

#### Education

- William S. Richardson School of Law, J.D.
- State University of New York, College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Masters' degree in Environmental Science
- Stanford University, A.B., Human Biology
- St. Joseph High School, Hilo, Hawai'i

#### Community Service

- At-large member, Board of Land and Natural Resources, July 2014-present.
- Advisory Council, Laupahoehoe Experimental Tropical Forest, 2012-present.
- Advisory Council, Pu'uwa'awa'a Experimental Tropical Forest, 2012-present.
- Hawai'i Island Member, Board of Land and Natural Resources, 1990-1998.

#### Major activities:

- Negotiated Awake'e-Manini'owali land exchange
- Revision of conservation district rules
- Approval of master plan for Kekaha Kai State Park
- Ka 'Ahahui o Pu'uwa'awa'a. Vice-president of community group, 1998-2001.
- Friends of Makalawena. Organized group to preserve coastline in Kona which culminated in the Kekaha Kai State Park, a 4.5 mile long, 1300 acre coastal park.
- Organized campaign to protect Keaukaha shoreline in 1971, which led to County's purchase of Richardson's and Carlsmith's properties for parks.

### **Academic Publications**

- "Common Heritage" v. "Freedom of the High Seas: Which Governs the Seabed?" 19 San Diego L. Rev. 493 (1982) (with Jon Van Dyke); also published in Miles and Allen (eds.) The Law of the Sea and Ocean Development Issues in the Pacific Basin, 15 L. Sea Inst. Proc. 206 (1983).
- Palila v. DLNR, (with Jonathan Durrett), U.H. Law Review (1982).

### **Academic Awards and Honors**

- East-West Center Grantee, 1981-82
- Corpus Juris Secundum Award (highest GPA in law school class) 1981-82
- Hornbook Awards (highest grade in law school class) Contracts, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure, Administrative Law (1979-1980)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1978-79
- Graduation with Distinction, Stanford University, 1974
- Valedictorian, St. Joseph High School, 1969

### **Personal**

- Born in Hilo, Hawai'i,