

SHANTY SIGRAH ASHER

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Thomas Jefferson School of Law; San Diego, CA; Juris Doctor

Chaminade University of Honolulu; Honolulu, HI; M.S.

Chaminade University of Honolulu; Honolulu, HI; B.S.

APPOINTMENTS

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), Honolulu, Hawaii

Education Law Specialist, August 2018 - Present

Conducted legal research to identify challenges for Micronesians living in Hawaii, administered workshops discussing immediate and long-term solutions, assisted citizens with different inquiries and filling out forms to fix issues relating to the REAL ID Act, hosted and participated in policy workshops, conducted speaking sessions with Micronesians families/communities, schools and churches, delivered presentations to educators and students at multiple schools about culture, assimilation and supporting Micronesian students in Hawaii Schools; currently leading a pilot project in collaboration with Hawaii Department of Education and Farrington High School aimed at improving Math and English Proficiency, Parental Engagement and Assimilation for newcomers.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA

Public Services Student Assistant, April 2015 - Present

Interacted with patrons and assisted them with legal research issues; assisted patrons in navigating and using library resources and services. Process and update library materials, particularly primary and secondary sources.

Department of Justice, Federated States of Micronesia (FM), Pohnpei, FM

Local Consultant - Anti-corruption Legal Specialist, September 2014 - 2015

Assisted Attorney General's Office in reviewing anti-corruption legal, policy and institutional frameworks; identified legal, policy and implementation gaps; coordinated and facilitated provision of training, awareness-raising and capacity-building activities in collaboration with the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime; compiled a centralized inter-agency database of FM's International Treaties and reporting obligations, helped draft the FM Money Laundering Law and the FM Whistleblower's Act.

Department of Foreign Affairs, Federated States of Micronesia, Pohnpei, FM

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Pacific Affairs, 2010 - 2014

Reviewed regional policies and provided policy advice to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs for executive review and approval; initiated official inquiries or request for foreign assistance, trainings and other capacity building efforts; coordinated high-level visits by Head of States, ambassadors and foreign dignitaries; coordinated and facilitated cabinet debriefings; provided policy debriefings to Congress relating regional matters; collaborated with Department of Justice on international treaties, reporting obligations and compliance measures.

Clay Chapman Iwamura Pulice & Nervell, Honolulu, HI

Legal Assistant, Non-foreclosure Department, 2008 - 2010

Worked with attorneys and interacted with clients. Filled out foreclosure paperwork. Updated client information system. Drafted non-foreclosure notices. Communicated with local Sheriffs on foreclosures.