

**EDUCATION**

**William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**  
Juris Doctor

**Occidental College, Los Angeles, California**  
Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics and Anthropology

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Attorney / Clinical Law Faculty:**

Apr. 2018 – present

***Medical-Legal Partnership Hawai'i; William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai'i***

- Provide direct client representation to patients at community health center, focusing on legal needs of those existing incarceration and experiencing homelessness.
- Work with doctors and other healthcare staff to create and provide training opportunities and self-help clinics on a variety of legal needs for patients.
- Participate in systemic advocacy as necessary to address legal needs of low-income patients and provide suggested changes to poverty law Supervise law students enrolled in legal clinic with client representation.

**Public Policy Advocate,**

Aug. 2013 – Apr. 2018

***Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Honolulu, Hawai'i***

- Reviewed, analyzed and monitored bills, resolutions and reports at the federal, state and county levels impacting the agency and Native Hawaiians. Drafted legislation to be proposed by agency at local, state or federal levels, prepared testimonies and tracked bills and legislative changes as necessary. Presented testimony on behalf of agency to legislative bodies.
- Served as a technical resource person providing professional research, data analysis required for agency policy-related issues of importance to Hawaiian communities.
- Supervised three policy staff after promotion and served as reviewer and editor for all written product and policy recommendations from advocacy division.

**Staff Attorney,**

Apr. 2013 – July. 2013

***Domestic Violence Action Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i***

- Represented victims of domestic violence seeking restraining orders, divorce, custody, paternity and other family civil law matters; provided crisis counseling on emergency Legal Helpline.

**Legislative Attorney,**

Jan. 2013 – Apr. 2013

***State of Hawai'i House of Representatives, House Majority Staff Office, Honolulu, Hawai'i***

- Provided legislative and policy research, writing and bill drafting for all house members including committee reports, memo drafting, legal research and bill amendments support.

**Enforcement Investigator,**

April 2012 – Jan. 2013

***Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Honolulu, Hawai'i***

- Investigated jurisdictional complaints of discrimination including witness interviews, research and legal enforcement recommendations.

**Staff Attorney,**

June 2010 – Feb. 2012

***Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Honolulu, Hawai'i***

- Conducted legal, policy, and statistical analysis on issues addressing state compliance with federal guidelines regarding delivery of public benefit, discrimination in immigrant communities and immigrant rights, language access, the DOE English language learner program and IDEA compliance, and school disciplinary procedures.
- Represented organization as staff attorney for three civil rights class action lawsuits involving public housing discrimination, health care discrimination against Micronesian immigrants, and untimely delivery of food stamp benefits.

## DEJA MARIE OSTROWSKI

### PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS/

- O'ahu Commissioner, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women: term expiring July 2022.
- Member, Hawai'i State Bar Association
- Tier 1 Registered Court Interpreter, Thai, Hawai'i State Judiciary

### HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Comments Editor, Asian-Pacific Law and Policy Journal, *Aug. 2008 – May 2010*
- Samuel Cohen Human Rights Fellowship, *May 2008 – Sept. 2008*
- Student Affiliate, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i, *Aug. 2008 – Aug. 2009*

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Chen, Cosio, Ostrowski, Shek (2021) *Developing a Pedagogy of Community Partnership Amidst COVID-19*, Clinical Law Journal, Fall 2021.
- Co-Principal Investigator, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (2020)
- Contributor, Office of Hawaiian Affairs. (2018). *Haumea—Transforming the Health of Native Hawaiian Women and Empowering Wāhine Well-Being*. Honolulu, HI: Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- Hagiwara, Yamada, Tanaka, Ostrowski, (2015) *Litigation and Community Advocacy to Ensure Health Access for Micronesian Migrants in Hawaii*. Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved. 2015;26 (2 Suppl)
- Fox, Ostrowski (2015), *Integrating Culture with State Governmental Health Planning*, Presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> Cross-Cultural Health Care Conference, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- Asing, Chai, Fox, Ostrowski, Smith (2014), *Kūkulu Ola: An Interactive Session to Raise the Health of our Nation*, Presentation at the World Indigenous People's Conference on Education
- Geminiani, Ostrowski, (2011), *Litigation in Federal and State Courts in Hawaii Preserves Critical Health Care for Micronesians*, 45 CLEARINGHOUSE REV. 63 (May-June 2011)
- Ostrowski, (2010) *Striving for Land Title Security and Positive Development in Cambodia: A Legal Analysis with Lessons from Hawai'i's Past*, Paper Presentation at East-West Center 9th International Graduate Student Conference

### PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER SKILLS

Fluent in Thai, beginning Khmer, Spanish

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- founding member, COFA-Community Advocacy Network, (COFACAN) Honolulu, Hawai'i, *Jan.2013 - present*