



DAWN N.S. CHANG, Esq.

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**SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2001-2022 ***Ho'ākea LLC dba Ku'iwalu, Principal***  
Principal and owner of a woman-owned, Native Hawaiian business that specializes in strategic planning and facilitating culturally sensitive issues for public and private sector projects. Ku'iwalu has worked with private developers including Kobayashi Group, Howard Hughes Corporation, General Growth Properties, Turtle Bay Resort, Travaasa Hana Hotel, Outrigger Hotels, and Disney Aulani. Specialist in the area of cultural resource management and historic preservation issues, including native Hawaiian burials and cultural resources. Experienced in coordinating and managing public meetings, crisis management, and government relations. Ku'iwalu has worked with government agencies including US Department of Interior, US Department of Energy, US Department of Defense, NOAA, University of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism, and HART. Conducts training in native Hawaiian rights, traditional and customary practices, and administrative process.
- 2016-2022 ***State Land Use Commission, Commissioner***  
Appointed by Governor David Ige and confirmed by the State Senate in April 2016 to an At-Large seat and reconfirmed for a second term until June 30, 2023. Primary role is to ensure that areas of State concern are addressed and considered in the land use decision-making process. The Commission establishes the district boundaries for the entire State and acts on petitions for boundary changes submitted by private landowners, developers and State and county agencies. Also acts on requests for special use permits within the agricultural and rural districts.
- 2012-2022 ***Accord3.0 Network, Member***  
"Seasoned Team" Member of Accord3.0 which provides strategic consulting services to engage in complex, multi-party problem-solving to tackle difficult problems in areas such as partnership development, facilitation, planning, training, conflict assessment, and management strategies.
- 1987-2001 ***Department of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General***  
Senior legal counsel in the Land/Transportation Division with experience in the area of real property law, administrative law, native Hawaiian rights, water rights and environmental laws. Advised various State Boards and Commissions (Land Board, Island Burial Councils, Water Commission, etc.) as well as provided training to State employees and agencies on native Hawaiian rights, including PASH and burial laws. Extensive litigation experience in ceded lands, burial laws, historic preservation laws, real property transactions, and quiet title actions. Supervised legal and non-legal staff.
- 1985-1987 ***Intermediate Court of Appeal, Law Clerk for the Honorable Walter M. Heen***  
Appellate Law Clerk for two years with experience in legal research, drafting legal opinions and memoranda of law.
- 1979-1983 ***Queen Lili'uokalani's Children's Center, Social Worker***  
Social Worker specializing in community organizing, individual and family counseling, and group counseling of Hawaiian children and families in rural communities.

## EDUCATION

- 1985      ***William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i***  
Juris Doctorate  
Client Counseling Award
- 1979      ***School of Social Work, University of Hawai'i***  
Masters in Social Work  
Hawaiian Learning Program recipient
- 1977      ***University of Hawai'i, Mānoa Campus***  
Bachelors in Arts and Sciences, Sociology
- 1973 – 75      ***Chapman College, World Campus Afloat, Orange, CA***
- 1973      ***St. Andrew's Priory***

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND TRAINING

- Hawai'i State Bar Association
- Native Hawaiian Bar Association
- ACCORD3.0, specializing in facilitating controversial issues
- Trained facilitator and mediator with the Mediation Center of the Pacific and Pepperdine University, School of Law
- Arbitrator with the Hawai'i Judiciary Court Annexed Arbitration Program (pro bono)
- Certified Continuing Education Instructor with the Real Estate Commission in Native Hawaiian Land Laws and "Where you when grad? Doing Business in Hawai'i"
- Certified Continuing Education Instructor with the Hawai'i State Bar Association on Native Hawaiian Land Laws

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- KEY Project, **Former Chair of the Board of Directors**
- Historic Hawai'i Foundation, **Former Board Member**
- Girl Scouts of Hawai'i, **Former Board Member**

## AWARDS

- **2004 Natural Collaborative Leader Award** awarded by the Mediation Center of the Pacific