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Lawrence H. Miike, M.D., J.D.

Dr. Miike was a member of the State Commission on Water Resource Management from 1994 to 1998 in his capacity as Director of Health and again from 2004 to 2012 as the Commissioner “with substantial experience in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage such as those preserved by section 17C-101 (of the state water code).” Between these two periods, he researched and published his book, **Water and the Law in Hawai`i** (University of Hawai`i Press, 2004).

He was a member of the Commission when it issued its Waiahole Ditch decision in 1995, the first major water issue addressed by the Commission under the 1987 Water Code, and was the hearings officer for both remands from the Supreme Court. He was the hearings officer and only dissenting member of the Commission when it issued its Na Wai `Eha decision in 2010. On August 15, 2012, the Hawai`i Supreme Court remanded the decision back to the Commission, agreeing with Dr. Miike that “the Commission majority ‘ha(d) failed in its duties under the Constitution and the State Water Code as trustee of the state’s public water resources.” He also was the only dissenting member of the Commission’s 2010 decision on 27 East Maui streams diverted by the East Maui Irrigation Company, which was vacated by the Intermediate Court of Appeals on November 30, 2012 and also remanded back to the Commission.

Dr. Miike retired at the end of 1998 as the Director of Health for the State of Hawai`i.

He is a graduate of Iolani School, Amherst College, the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine, and the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law. He was a captain in the United States Air Force as a medical officer.

He began his career with the federal National Center for Health Services Research and Development and the Health Policy Program of the Schools of Medicine of the U. of California, San Francisco and Georgetown University. He was a senior associate at the Office of Technology Assessment, U.S. Congress, contributing substantially to its growth and maturation. His work there led to the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Compensation Act, improvements in health services for Native Americans, and federal policies in the fight against AIDS.

He was founding Executive Director of Papa Ola Lokahi, leading the implementation of the federal Native Hawaiian Health Care Act. He concurrently served as Professor of Family Practice and Community Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, was Medical Director for the state QUEST Program, which combined Medicaid and the former State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), and was appointed State Director of Health in 1994 until his retirement in 1998.

In his addition to his book, **Water and the Law in Hawai`i**, and numerous publications on a wide range of health policy issues, he co-authored (with Walter Lowen) **Dichotomies of the Mind: A Systems Science Model of the Mind and Personality** (John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 1984), updated in 2007 as **Personality Types: A Systems Science Explanation**.