

Bar Admissions & Professional Affiliations

- Hawaii, Member Since 2007
- Nevada, Member Since 2009
- California, Member Since 2012
- Phi Delta Phi, Member Since 2004
- Hawaii State Bar Association, Member Since 2007
- Maui County Bar Association, Member Since 2012
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Member, Treasurer, Since 2015
- HSBA Leadership Institute Fellow 2013
- Defender Council 2020 Term
- Liquor Control Commission, Maui County 2023 Term

Education

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan, Juris Doctor, May 2006

- Mock Trial Board-Competitor (Finalist), Top Five Advocate, Member
- Moot Court Board-Competitor (Finalist), Member

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, August 1995 - May 1999
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and East Asian Languages and Culture

Legal Experience

Law Offices of Setsuko Regina Gormley, LLC, State of Hawaii

Solo Practitioner, 50+ hours/week, April 1, 2014-present

- Law practice focusing on criminal defense, family law, and immigration.
- Technical Writer – Cost of Government Commission (2014-2015)
- Grand Jury Counsel, Maui County (2014-2015)
- Hawaii Innocence Project, Volunteer Attorney

Office of Council Services, Maui County, State of Hawaii

Legislative Attorney, 40+ hours/week, July 15, 2012 – March 31, 2014

- Assist the County Council, its committees, and the Council members to carry out their legislative duties.
- Review legal opinions issued by Department of Corporation Counsel.
- Review and draft legislation, contracts, committee reports, and correspondence.

Office of the Public Defender, State of Hawaii

Hawaii State Public Defender, 40+ hours/week, September 1, 2008 – July 14, 2012

- Represent clients at parole hearings, parole violation hearings, minimum setting hearings, and involuntary commitment hearings.
- Represent clients in state appellate court proceedings, draft appellate briefs.

- Represent clients in state district and circuit courts for arraignment and plea hearings, pre-trial conferences, suppression hearings, trial settings, trials, sentencing, proof of compliance hearings, probation revocation hearings, and in the drug court program.

Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii

Law Clerk for Honorable Joseph E. Cardoza, 40 hours/week, August 15, 2007- August 31, 2008

- Read and briefed submitted Motions and Petitions in preparation for daily civil and criminal calendar.
- Processed potential jurors for Jury Trial and Grand Jury proceedings.
- Calendared and took minutes of settlement conferences and status conferences.
- Prepared numerous Notices of Trial Date Memoranda which included setting deadlines for naming of witnesses and discovery cut-off, prepared the Trial Court Action Calendar, and answered phone calls.

Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii

Law Clerk for Honorable Shackley Raffetto, 40 hours/week, August 1, 2006- August 14, 2007

- Read and briefed submitted Motions and Petitions in preparation for daily civil and criminal calendar.
- Read files, researched applicable law, compiled attorney's arguments and applicable law in a Memorandum to Judge Raffetto.
- Processed potential jurors for Jury Trial and Grand Jury proceedings.
- Researched and drafted Rule 40 Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law ("COL/FOF"), researched and drafted preliminary injunction COL/FOF, and researched and drafted motions to suppress FOF/COL.
- Worked alongside probation officers and drug-court staff, and answered phone calls.

East Los Angeles District Attorneys Office, Los Angeles County, State of California

Certified Law Clerk, 40 hours/week, Spring 2006

- Assisted attorneys in over thirty preliminary hearings, interviewed victims and witnesses.
- Called victims and witnesses, and prepared direct examination questions.
- Assisted attorneys in daily calendar, observed arraignments, probation violation hearings, plea settings, bail review hearings, and early disposition plea hearings.
- Assisted attorneys in misdemeanor court, observed voir dire of jury panel, misdemeanor jury trials, and 1538 motions.

Immigration Legal Services, Lansing, Michigan

Office Support Volunteer, 10 hours/week, Fall 2005

- Assisted attorneys in making calls, creating new files, reviewing files, and filing.
- Assisted with research and observed client interviews.

First Circuit Court/Judge Aiona, Honolulu, Hawaii

Law Clerk Aide/ Intern, 15 hours/week, Summer 1998

- Assisted law clerk in taking calls, reading letters, filing, and briefing cases.
- Summarized and briefed court cases for presiding judge in a timely fashion. Observed court hearings and helped prepare documents

Skills

Proficient in Japanese