



## **ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Pursuing a Noble and Necessary Purpose**

William S. Richardson School of Law

Friday, June 24, 2011

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast; registration
- 8:30 - 9:00 **Dean Aviam Soifer and Robert LeClair**, co-emcees
- Welcoming remarks:  
**Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald**  
Hawaii Supreme Court  
**Associate Judge Daniel R. Foley**  
Chair, Hawaii Access to Justice Commission
- 9:00 - 9:50 **Funding Challenges**  
**Sen. Clayton Hee, Speaker Calvin Say, Rep. Marcus Oshiro**
- 9:50 - 10:05 Break
- 10:05 - 10:50 **The Fight for Equal Justice: Promoting Effective Strategies**  
**Judge Lora J. Livingston**, 261st Judicial District Civil Court, Austin, Texas; Chair of the ABA Commission on Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA); Former Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services
- 10:55 - 11:45 **Concurrent Workshops I**
1. **Pushing the Envelope of Judicial Involvement**  
(This session will examine the role of judges as leaders in expanding access to justice for low- and moderate-income people. What bold steps will begin to overcome any obstacles?) Facilitator: **Judge Michael F. Broderick (ret.)**  
Panelists: **Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr., Judge Trudy Senda**
  2. **Creating Innovative Partnerships in the Pursuit for Equal Justice**  
(This session will consider how the underserved may be helped more effectively through the formation of partnerships of legal services providers and pro bono attorneys with other professionals such as medical providers, social workers, librarians, law schools) Facilitator: **David J. Reber**  
Panelists: **Chris Derauf, M.D., Jenny Fujinaka, Alex Santiago**
- 11:45 - 12:45 Light lunch and live entertainment
- 12:45 - 2:00 **Concurrent Workshops II:**
3. **Initiatives to Enhance Civil Justice**  
This session will explore initiatives to improve access to justice, including current initiatives before the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission. We will also discuss new initiatives and how to help. Facilitator: **Mihoko Ito**
  4. **How to Get to Yes with Pro Bono**  
This session will examine issues of recruitment, strategies, and ethical concerns of providing pro bono legal services.  
Facilitators: **L. Dew Kaneshiro, Jeanilou Torrado**

5. **The New Paralegal Paradigm and Access to Justice**

This session will explore the considerable potential of and parameters for an evolved, qualified adjunct provider in the legal field authorized to directly address certain substantive carefully delimited, discrete, and routine basic civil legal needs that have gone unmet for most of Hawaii's low- and moderate-income people for decades. Facilitator: **R. Elton Johnson, III**

6. **Mediation Effectiveness: When to Use and How to Make It Work**

This session will examine the effectiveness of mediation in access to justice matters such as divorce, landlord/tenant, consumer/merchant, civil rights, and other issues. Facilitator: **Tracey Wiltgen**

7. **Access to Justice for Individuals with Disabilities**

This session will examine the challenges facing attorneys, witnesses, and individuals or parents of children who have physical and mental disabilities for a better understanding of the issues and how to help.

Facilitators: **John Dellera, Jean Johnson**

2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 3:30 **Concurrent Workshops III:**

8. **Access to Justice for the Elderly**

This session will explore how to identify the issues in elder law, resources in the community, and how to help. Facilitator: **James Pietsch**

Panelists: **Lenora Lee, Scott Suzuki**

9. **Ensuring Court Access to Persons with Limited English Proficiency**

This session will examine the existing barriers of cultural and linguistic differences; available resources; what more needs to be done; what are the obligations and responsibilities of lawyers for these types of clients.

Facilitators: **Jennifer Rose, Debi S. Tulang-De Silva**

10. **The Foreclosure Crisis: How to Help**

This session will explore the issues of the foreclosure crisis and how to help, including a brief update on judicial and legislative actions.

Facilitators: **Bankruptcy Judge Robert Faris, George Zweibel**

11. **Access to the Family Court**

This session will explore the various hot issues for the low- and moderate-income client in Family Court (e.g., foster kids) and how to help.

Facilitators: **Circuit Court Judge R. Mark Browning, Elizabeth Paek**

12. **Access to Justice for Native Hawaiians**

This session will explore the hot issues involving equal justice for the Native Hawaiian community and how to help. Facilitator: **Moses Haia**

13. **Self Help Centers**

This session will explore the initiative of self help centers in the courts to improve access to justice. Facilitators: **Rodney Maile, Shannon Wack**

3:30 - 4:15 Closing remarks: **Judge Lora J. Livingston** and **Judge Daniel R. Foley**

"Hawai'i Aloha"