



## 2014 Access to Justice Conference

### MEETING THE CHALLENGES TO EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii  
Friday, June 20, 2014

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast; registration
- 8:30 - 9:15 **Welcome**  
**Dean Aviam Soifer** and **Robert LeClair**, co-emcees
- Intermediate Court of Appeals Associate Judge  
**Hon. Daniel R. Foley**, Chair, Hawaii Access to Justice Commission  
(Overview of activities of the Commission)
- Hon. Mark E. Recktenwald**, Chief Justice, Hawaii Supreme Court  
(Overview of activities of the Judiciary)
- 9:15 - 10:15 **“Rethinking Access to Justice”**  
**James J. Sandman**, President of Legal Services Corporation
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30 - 11:45 **“Where, Oh Where Is the Money?”**  
Legislative panel
- 11:45 - 12:45 Light lunch
- 12:45 - 2:00 Afternoon concurrent workshops:
1. **Maintaining the Momentum and Maximizing Legal Services for the Underserved**  
This session will examine the issues facing the Hawaii Consortium of Legal Services Providers and how to maximize legal services to the indigent population in Hawaii.  
*Panel: Michelle Acosta, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii; Moses Haia, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation; Jessica Stabile, Mediation Center of the Pacific; Nalani Fujimori Kaina, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii; Gavin Thornton, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Louis Erteschik, Disability Rights Center; James Pietsch, Elder Law Program; Nanci Kreidman, Domestic Violence Action Center; Daniel Gluck, American Civil Liberties Union*
  2. **Right to Counsel in Civil Cases -- Where Are We?**  
This session will discuss to what extent the basic human needs of shelter, sustenance, safety, health, and child custody are being addressed in the context of adversarial proceedings. *Panel: Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. (ret.), Russ Awakuni, William D. Hoshijo, Mary Anne Magnier, Patricia McManaman, and John Tonaki*

3. **Giving Voice to the Underserved: Lobbying and Political Movements**  
This session will discuss various aspects of lobbying including the efforts of grassroots organizations. *Panel: Sonny Ganaden, Mihoko Ito, Gary Slovin*
4. **Mental Health Issues Concerning Low-Income Individuals**  
This session will examine the complex and often overlooked mental health problems confronting the underserved population. *Panel: Associate Justice Michael Wilson, Rep. Della Au Belatti*
5. **Strengths/Limitations of Self-Help Centers; Challenges in Working with Unrepresented Litigants**  
This session will discuss the strengths and limitations of self-help centers and the challenges to both attorneys and the Judiciary in working with unrepresented litigants. *Panel: Judge Ronald Ibarra, Judge Barbara Richardson, Jessi Hall*

2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 3:30 Afternoon concurrent topics:

6. **Current Topics in Domestic Violence**  
This session will examine the current domestic violence issues concerning the underserved individuals. *Panel: Judge R. Mark Browning, Nanci Kreidman, M.A.*
7. **Mediation and Civil Applications of Restorative Justice for the Underserved**  
This session will discuss how mediation can be more effectively utilized to assist the underserved in civil cases, including restorative justice concepts. *Panel: United States District Judge Leslie Kobayashi, James Hoenig, Diane Petropulos*
8. **Capacity Issues for the Elderly: Your Clients, Your Parents**  
This session will discuss the complex medical, psychological, personal, and legal issues dealing with an older person's decisional capacity. *Panel: Dr. John Buzanoski, Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes, Professor James Pietsch*
9. **Using Technology to Enhance Access to Justice**  
This session will explore how technology can be used to expand or enhance efforts in providing equal access to the underserved. *Panel: Ellen Politano, Emily Su-lan Reber Porter*
10. **Meeting Challenges to Effective Delivery of Unbundled Legal Services**  
This session will discuss the issues concerning the unbundling of legal services that would assist the underserved, including discussion of addressing existing barriers to greater use of unbundled legal services. *Panel: Judge Joseph Cardoza, Judge Barbara Richardson, Derek Kobayashi, Eric Seitz*

3:30 - 4:15 Plenary:  
**“Meeting the Challenges to Equal Justice”**  
 Judge Daniel R. Foley, Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, and James J. Sandman; Justice Simeon R. Acoba (ret.);  
 Facilitator: Robert LeClair  
 -- What is necessary to meet the challenges?  
 -- How can the Commission meet these challenges?  
 -- How can individuals assist?

4:15 “Hawaii Aloha”