



Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission  
sponsors the

**2021 HAWAI'I ACCESS TO JUSTICE CONFERENCE**

**“ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE TIME OF COVID”**

Friday, June 25, 2021

**VIA ZOOM**

- 9:00 - 9:30      **Welcome:**  
Former Dean Aviam Soifer and Robert LeClair, co-emcees  
Hon. Joseph E. Cardoza, Chair, Hawai'i Access to Justice  
Commission  
Hon. Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice, Hawai'i Supreme Court
- 9:30 - 10:30      **Keynote speaker:** Hon. Nancy Gertner, Harvard Law School
- 10:30 - 10:40      Break
- 10:40 - 12:00      **“Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Access to Justice”**  
*[Aviam Soifer, facilitator, Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald,  
Judge Joseph Cardoza (ret.), Representative Della Au Belatti,  
Heather Lusk, Nalani Fujimori Kaina]*  
Discussion of the current impact of the pandemic on civil access  
to justice and forward-looking initiatives.
- 12:00 - 12:45      Lunch break
- 12:45 - 2:00      Afternoon concurrent workshops:
1.      **“Lifting Stoppers, Lifting Barriers” (Re-Entry and Community Service Program)**  
*[Angela Kuo Min, facilitator, Judge Melanie May, Clarissa Malinao]*  
Learn about attorney volunteer opportunities to assist individuals with  
license stoppers through community service and payment plans with the  
court.
  2.      **“Different Dispute Resolution Approaches: Modifying the Process for the Issues and the People”**  
*[Tracey Wiltgen, facilitator, Michelle Acosta, Katie Ranney, Laurie Tochiki,  
Katie Bennett]* “Fitting the forum to the fuss” is an old dispute resolution

saying that has taken on a whole new meaning over the past year. Dispute resolution professionals will share their experiences and insights in developing and managing dispute resolution processes that provide access to justice and enable the participants to address a broad array of issues and situations, virtually and in person.

3. **“Working Together to Provide Immigration Legal Services to the Low-Income Clients”**

*[Corey Park, facilitator, Esther Yoo, Taylor Brack]*

A discussion of current immigration issues in Hawai'i, particularly the dire situation faced by low-income immigrants, and the nature of the law practice in representing that community; the panel will also discuss the Biden Administration reform proposals and possible ways to increase the delivery of legal services to the low-income immigrant community.

2:00 - 2:15            Break

2:15 - 3:30            Afternoon concurrent workshops:

4. **“The Civil and Legal Rights of People Experiencing Homelessness in the Times of COVID”**

*[Mateo Caballero, facilitator, Wookie Kim, Deja Ostrowski, Janet Kelly]*

A discussion of the rights and legal needs of people experiencing houselessness and what the legal community can do to help.

5. **“Access to Justice and the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust”**

*[Summer Sylva, facilitator, David Kauila Kopper, Ashley Obrey, Henderson Huihui]*

A discussion of the legacy, opportunities, and challenges marking the 100th Anniversary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, from the perspective of legal practitioners who advocate exclusively on behalf of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

6. **“Family Law and Access to Justice”**

*[Gemma-Rose Poland Soon, facilitator, Judge Rebecca Copeland, Tom Farrell, Angelina Mercado]*

A discussion of the impact of the pandemic on domestic violence and the Family Court, with a focus on the addition of coercive control to restraining order cases.

7. **“Access to Justice in Elder Law and Special Needs Planning”**

*[Scott Suzuki]* The discussion aims to identify the major barriers to access to justice and possible improvements for older adults and adults with disabilities.

3:35 - 4:15            **Plenary: “Access to Justice and the Time of COVID”**

*[Calvin Pang, Nancy Gertner]*

4:15 p.m.            “Hawai‘i Pono‘i”