



Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission
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2022 HAWAI'I ACCESS TO JUSTICE CONFERENCE

“CONTINUING TO MEET CHALLENGES TO ACCESS TO JUSTICE”

Friday, June 17, 2022

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i
2515 Dole Street, Classrooms 2 and 3

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast; registration
- 8:30 - 9:00 **Welcome:** Aviam Soifer and Robert LeClair, co-emcees
- Hon. Joseph E. Cardoza, Chair, Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission, former State of Hawai'i Second Circuit Chief Judge
 - Hon. Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice, Hawai'i Supreme Court
- 9:00 - 10:00 **Keynote speaker:** Camille A. Nelson, Dean, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Manoa.
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 11:45 **Access to Justice in the Current Climate**
[Former Dean Aviam Soifer (moderator), Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, Governor David Ige, Representative Della Au Belatti, Dean Camille Nelson]
This session will explore the perspectives of the state's executive branch, judiciary, and legislature in meeting access to justice challenges.
- 11:45 - 12:45 Light lunch
- 12:45 - 2:00 Afternoon concurrent workshops:
1. **“Resolving Community Conflicts”**
[Tracey Wiltgen (moderator), Peter Adler, Dawn Chang, Justice James Duffy (Ret.), Melissa May] *This session will highlight the benefits and challenges of preventing and resolving community conflicts, when mediation and dispute resolution is appropriate, the importance of designing dialogue formats and structures for the organization or community, and how contention can be avoided, and civility restored.*
 2. **“Domestic Abuse and Protective Orders: Access to Justice for All Parties**
[Judge Rebecca Copeland (moderator), Judge Courtney Naso, Nanci Kreidman, Alen Kaneshiro] *This session will be a discussion on issues confronted by both petitioners and respondents in cases involving allegations of domestic abuse and conversation on how to improve access to justice for all court participants.*

3. **“Working Together to Provide Immigration Legal Services to the Low-Income Clients”** [John Egan, Esther Yoo, Ethan Higa, Makoto Messersmith, Kara Teng] *This session will highlight the importance of proactively creating a pipeline for immigration practitioners, starting in law school, in order to improve access to immigrant justice in Hawai‘i.*

4. **“Language Access Is Language Justice”** [Melody MacKenzie (moderator), Judge William Domingo, Aphirak Bamrungruan, Ayano Nishimura] *This session will cover the hot issues of communication barriers and how to improve language access in the judicial system for low-income and immigrant populations.*

2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 3:30 Afternoon concurrent workshops:

5. **“Legal Issues Related to the Provision of Education Services in ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i”** [David Kauila Kopper (moderator), Ashley Obrey, Daylin-Rose Heather, Ka‘ano‘i Walk] *A discussion of the state’s constitutional mandate to provide reasonable access to a Hawaiian immersion education, including challenges faced and opportunities embraced by Hawaiian immersion families today.*

6. **“Access to Justice for the Elder Population Affected by Diminishing Capacity”** [Scott Suzuki, Gary Powell] *This session will discuss access to justice issues relating to aging populations, especially with respect to long-term care planning for individuals with progressive health concerns and their caregivers.*

7. **“Thinking Forward for Access to Justice”**
[Judge Joseph Cardoza, (moderator), Heather Lusk, Nalani Fujimori Kaina, Tracey Wiltgen, Senator Karl Rhoads] *This session will explore the changing landscape of both barriers and facilitators to access to justice in 2022 while identifying the components of a vision for an equitable access to justice.*

8. **“ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) and Access to Justice”**
[Rona Fukumoto, Daintry Bartoldus] *Passing a law is only the first step; it can take years to get it implemented. Learn how legal professionals can help get a law implemented and support individuals with disabilities to “Achieve a Better Life Experience.”*

9. **“Social Justice Lawyering for Public Health”** [Deja Ostrowski (moderator), Fernando Cosio, Wayne Tanaka, Sharde Freitas] *The panel will introduce the concept of “social determinants of health” and share specific examples of how lawyers can better incorporate public health in various settings including poverty law, environmental justice, and Native Hawaiian health.*

3:35 - 4:15 Plenary: **“Continuing to Meet Challenges to Access to Justice”**
[Calvin Pang, Dean Camille Nelson]

4:15 “Hawai‘i Pono‘i”

Schedule subject to change (5-28-22) *The COVID guidelines for the University of Hawaii are updated regularly at: <https://www.hawaii.edu/covid19/>. Please check prior to attending the conference.*