

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional Practice

Full time practice with offices on Maui and the Big Island specializing in Immigration and Nationality Law. Practice areas include deportation and removal defense; appellate practice (BIA and 9th Circuit); family-based petitions; citizenship and naturalization; Green card through marriage and fiancé visas; specialty visas (athletes and investors); asylum, victims of crime and domestic violence.

Additional areas include consultation with the defense and family court bars; consultation with business owners regarding I-9 compliance; legislative advocacy; community outreach and education.

Professional Licensure and Credentials

Licensed by the Supreme Court of California and admitted to the State Bar of California (#291277 – October 17, 2013)

Executive Office of Immigration Review (#JE 948057)

Admitted to Practice at the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association

Advocacy Chair, Hawaii Chapter AILA

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

Professional Experience

2014 – Present

Founder and Principal Attorney - Maui Immigration Law, LLC

Maui Immigration Law, LLC has offices on Maui and the Big Island and a staff of two full time attorneys and one full-time legal assistant. MIL provides all levels of representation from consultation and brief services to full representation at the hearing and appellate levels. Practice areas described above. Practice currently has 160 open cases throughout the State with a small number of mainland cases.

2009 – 2014

Director – Immigrant Services Division, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
County of Maui

Administration and leadership of division; citizenship, family based petitions; direct and legislative advocacy; community education and outreach. Special and complex cases including U visas, VAWA self-petitions, special immigrant juvenile petitions and requests for humanitarian reinstatement. Develop and implement a strategic plan for the division including budget, goals, strategies and performance measures.

2008-2009

Deputy Director – MEO/BEST program, Wailuku, Hawaii

Develop and implement a comprehensive, evidence based prisoner re-entry program with demonstrable outcomes. Hire train and supervise staff. Grant writing and monitoring. Cultivate and maintain positive working relationships stakeholder agencies including Department of Public Safety, MCCC, Parole, Probation and the Judiciary.

2005-2008

Advocate – Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Wailuku, HI

Provide assistance and direct representation to clients seeking public benefits. Maui County coordinator of the Fair Housing Enforcement Project: Education and public speaking, investigations recruit and train volunteers, advocacy on behalf of complainants.

Education

Juris Doctor – 2006 New College of California School of Law

San Francisco, CA

Law School Internships and Externships: Santa Cruz County Public Defender's Office; Prison Law Office at San Quentin; Eviction Defense Collaborative; National Center for Lesbian Rights

Undergraduate – NCOC Humanities Program

San Francisco, CA

Awards

2017 - Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney, ACLU and Special Recognition from Governor David Y. Ige.

2015 - Cesar Chavez Award for outstanding service to the Hispanic community

2014 – Distinguished Service Award in recognition of distinguished service and dedication to the community of Maui

2013 – Departmental Manager of the Year, County of Maui

Boards, Commissions and Community Service

Advocacy Chair, Hawaii Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association

Board, Imua Family Services, currently serving

Education and Outreach on Immigration: Maui County Public Defender's Office; Family Court Bar; HSBA, Know Your Rights Trainings, statewide; Public Informational Meetings on Immigration, countywide; Immigration 101; Maui Hospital, Harm Reduction Conference, Maui County Social Workers, Maui County non-profits; Hawaii State Judiciary

Instructor: Citizenship, Civics and US History – Maui County Office of Economic Development

Hawaii Coalition for Immigration Reform

Conference Chair: "Voices of Micronesia 2010"

Board, Maui Aids Foundation

Maui County Domestic Violence Task Force

Kula Community Association Executive Board, 2009-2011

Certified Mediator: Mediation Services of Maui

Notary Public Commission: 2007-2013

Guest Lecturer: UH Maui

Instructor: Parents and the Law, Baldwin and Maui High

Maui Area Service Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Continuing Legal Education

Trial Skills in Immigration Court

Naturalization

The New Landscape of Immigration Enforcement

I-601 and I-601 A Waivers

Removal 101

Prosecutorial Discretion

Preparing and Presenting Central American Asylum Claims

Immigration Waivers in Family Cases

Legal Writing in Immigration Court

Advocacy and Media Training

Client Intakes

Family Immigration 101

Advocacy Skills during Family Based Interviews

I-751 Petition Questions

K-1 Rules of Engagement and K-3 Marriages