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Teaching and Professional Experience

William S. Richardson School of Law

Professor of Law and Director of Ka Huli Ao (August 2014 – present)

Teaching Areas: Native Hawaiian Rights, Native Hawaiian Rights Clinic, Second Year Seminar, Selected Topics in Native Hawaiian Law, Native American Moot Court Team

Associate Professor and Director of Ka Huli Ao Center (April 2010 – July 2014)

Assistant Professor and Director of Ka Huli Ao Center (June 2005 – March 2010)

Visiting and Adjunct Professor (August 2001 – May 2005)

Attorney/Consultant (November 1999 – May 2005), member of litigation team that defended the Office of Hawaiian Affairs against constitutional challenges to Native Hawaiian programs; represented Hawaiian families in quiet title actions; and worked on selected projects related to the public land trust.

Executive Director (February 1992 – October 1999), Hawaiian Claims Office, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, State of Hawai‘i; administrator and attorney in office established to receive, investigate, and recommend damages for Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries’ breach of trust claims.

Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, public interest law firm advancing and protecting the rights of the Native Hawaiian community:

Senior Staff Attorney (October 1986 – January 1992)

Executive Director (October 1982 – September 1986)

Staff Attorney (December 1980 – September 1982)

Law Clerk to Chief Justice William S. Richardson, Supreme Court of Hawai‘i (1977-1980).

Education and Bar Admittance

1976 Juris Doctor, William S. Richardson School of Law

1970 Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* in Religious Studies/Anthropology
Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin

Admitted to United States Supreme Court
Practice Law: United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
 United States District Court for the District of Hawai‘i
 Hawai‘i State Courts

Recent Scholarship

NATIVE HAWAIIAN LAW: A TREATISE, Editor-in-Chief, sole author of four chapters, and co-author of another chapter, of the authoritative resource on Native Hawaiian law (Kamehameha Publishing, July 2015).

Ke Ala Loa – The Long Road: Native Hawaiian Sovereignty and the State of Hawai‘i, 47 TULSA L. REV. 621 (Spring 2012).

Ke Ala Pono – The Path of Justice: The Moon Court’s Native Hawaiian Rights Decisions, 33 U. HAW. L. REV. 447 (Spring 2011).

Hawaiian Custom in Hawai‘i State Law, Conference Paper from TŪHONOHONO: THE STATE AND CUSTOM, Tainui Endowed College and Te Mātāhauariki Research Institute, University of Waikato, Hamilton, Aotearoa/New Zealand, published in THE YEARBOOK OF NEW ZEALAND JURISPRUDENCE (2010).

Contributing author (section on Native Hawaiians) to the revision of Felix S. Cohen’s HANDBOOK OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW (2015), the respected treatise on Federal Indian Law.

Other Short Works

Hali‘a Aloha: A Tribute to Jon M. Van Dyke, 34 U. HAW. L. REV. 369 (Spring 2012).

Ka Lama Kū O Ka No‘eau, a tribute to Chief Justice William S. Richardson, 33 U. HAW. L. REV. 3 (Winter 2011).

“*But for the Overthrow-Imagining an Alternate Future*,” short essay for *Mai Poina*, a guided walking tour illustrating the events leading up to and during the 1893 overthrow (September 2010).

“*Law and the Courts*,” essay in THE VALUE OF HAWAII‘I: KNOWING THE PAST, SHAPING THE FUTURE (Craig Howes and Jonathan Osorio, eds., August 2010).

Introduction to Ka Lama Kū O Ka No‘eau, Selected Cases of Chief Justice William S. Richardson, coauthored with Dean Aviam Soifer (December 2009).

Restorative Justice for Hawai‘i’s First People: Selected Amicus Curiae Briefs in Doe v. Kamehameha Schools, co-authored with Susan Serrano, Eric Yamamoto and David Forman, UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, 14 ASIAN AMERICAN LAW JOURNAL 205 (May 2007).

A New Kind of Environmental Justice: Indigenous Hawaiians Reclaiming Land and Resources, co-authored with Susan Serrano and Koa Kaulukukui, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT, Vol. 21, No. 3, Winter 2007, a journal produced by the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources. Note that this article is included in the casebook, THE PRACTICE AND POLICY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (J.B. Rule, J.C. Nagle & J. Salzman, 2007).

An Introduction to the Rights of the Native Hawaiian People, co-authored with Professor Jon Van Dyke, HAWAII BAR JOURNAL (July 2006). The article was written to highlight Native Hawaiian issues in conjunction with the ABA’s Annual Convention in Honolulu in August 2006.

Ever Loyal to the Land: The Story of the Native Hawaiian People, HUMAN RIGHTS MAGAZINE (Spring 2006), published by the American Bar Association Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities.

Selected Recent Presentations, Panels, and Forums

Presentation for Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Hawai'i State Bar Association: *Native Hawaiians—Understanding Self-Determination Under U.S. Law*, Honolulu, Hawai'i (August 2015).

Luncheon Speaker: *Native Hawaiians and Sovereignty*, Our Ocean Planet: Governance for a Better Future Conference, Honolulu, Hawai'i (December 2014).

Presentation: *Sovereignty and the Native Hawaiian People – E Mau Ke Ea*, Symposium on Current Affairs of Hawai'i's Indigenous People, Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies, University of Hokkaido, Japan (September 2014).

Panel Member: *Sovereignty Endures—E Mau Ke Ea*, Symposium: Looking to the Future: The Life and Legacy of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, National Museum of the American Indian (May 2014)

Panel Member: *Canadian First Nations, Native American Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiians: Sovereignty and Full Faith & Credit*, American Judges Association Annual Education Conference, Kona, Hawai'i (September 2013).

Panel Member: *Utilizing Indigenous Tradition and Custom in Decision Making*, He Hali'a No Jon, Symposium Tribute to Jon Markham Van Dyke, Honolulu, Hawai'i (February 2013).

Panel Member: *Law and the Right of Self-Determination*, Federal Bar Association Hawai'i Conference, Honolulu, Hawai'i (December 2012).

Scholar answering questions and providing commentary for the Mai Poina Guided Walking Tours, a free walking tour sponsored by the Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition, illustrating the events leading up to and during the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom (September 2010-2015).

Awards and Honors

'Ahahui o Hawai'i Award for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, WSRSL (September 2013)

Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching, University of Hawai'i (March 2013)

Law School Outstanding Professor of the Year, 2011-12 (selected October 2012)

Public Service Award, William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association, Honolulu, Hawai'i (October 2009)

Leadership Award, YWCA of O'ahu, Honolulu, Hawai'i (June 2009)

Students' Choice Award, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i (April 2008)

Lifetime Achievement Award, Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Honolulu, Hawai'i (March 2006)

Service and Recognition

Advisor to the 'Ahahui o Hawai'i, the Native Hawaiian law student association (2006 – present)

One of four faculty advisors to the *Asian-Pacific Law and Policy Journal* (2006 – present)

Faculty advisor to the Native American Moot Court team (2012 – present)

Chair of the Law School's Budget Committee (2014-16); Member of the Law School's Appointments Committee (2015-16); Member (2010-12) and Chair (2012-13) of the Law School's Admissions Committee.

Responsible for Native Hawaiian Law Certificate program. From 2007-09, eleven students received Pacific-Asian Legal Studies-Specialty in Native Hawaiian Law certificates; since the inception of the stand-alone certificate program in 2010, over 65 students have received Native Hawaiian Law Certificates.

Invited Witness: Presented testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, chaired by U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, on the trust relationship between the federal government and the Native Hawaiian community (April 2012).

National Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition – the Law School hosted the competition in February 2012. Authored the problem, raised funds, oversaw various aspects of the competition, and organized a Symposium: *Of Membership and Recognition* following the competition itself.

Appointed by UH-Mānoa Chancellor to sit on the Native Hawaiian Advancement Task Force to identify strengths and challenges in current programs and recommend actions needed to support advancing Native Hawaiian initiatives at UH-Mānoa (August 2011 – February 2012).

Ka Huli Ao was awarded the 'Ikena Award from the Hawai'i State Bar Association for "outstanding service to the public or profession toward legal education" (September 2010).

One of twenty indigenous scholars invited to attend a training seminar on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the UN Systems for the Protection of Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Washington, D.C. (June 2010).

Member of the Hawai'i Delegation to the 23rd Council of Pacific Arts Meeting. Discussions focused on the efforts of Pacific nations to protect traditional knowledge, planning for the 11th Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Solomon Islands in 2012, and information on cultural mapping and developing cultural policies, Noumea, New Caledonia (March 2010).

Organizations and Affiliations

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| 1975 - Present | Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima – 1989 kumu hula graduate; active member and currently co-teach an adult women's class within the hālau; as a hālau member, attended and danced at the 8 th Festival of Pacific Arts in New Caledonia in 2000 and the 9 th Festival of Pacific Arts in Palau in 2004. |
| 1992 - Present | Native Hawaiian Bar Association, founding member and immediate past president. |
| 2006 - Present | Kūali'i Council, which represents UH-Mānoa faculty and staff in Native Hawaiian programs. Successfully worked on revisions to the UH mission statement reflecting the University's commitment to Hawai'i's indigenous peoples, adopted by the Board of Regents in March 2009. |
| 2010 - Present | Hika'alani, founding member and current board member of Native Hawaiian cultural and educational non-profit. |