



Annual Elections – Please Vote!

It's time to vote in the Hawaii Women Lawyers 2020 Annual Elections for Board of Directors and Officers! All Hawaii Women Lawyers members in good standing are eligible to vote in the annual election, and fill vacancies of the Board of Directors and the Officers of HWL. Michi Mimose (President) and Kimi Ide-Foster (Immediate Past President) succeed to office without election. For all other positions, please see below. For a brief background of each candidate, please keep scrolling to the next page!

Single-Year Terms

Nicole Altman (VP/President Elect)
Erin Kobayashi (Treasurer)
Tara Buckley (Secretary)

2-Year Term (Running for Election)

Pōhai Nu'uhiwa Campbell	Jennifer Ontai
Jill Hasegawa	Alana Peacott-Ricardos
Mihoko Ito	Molly Stebbins
Tricia Nakamatsu	Shan Wirt

All ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020

You may vote at the link [HERE!](#)

Nicole Altman, Esq.



When my family and I moved home to 3.5 years ago, HWL was one of the first organizations I joined. It instantly made me feel grounded and welcome and connected to the community. More than that, it provided inspiration for ways to support and better the community. After joining HWL's board, I realized even more the potential of the organization. I am now excited to run for VP/President-Elect of the Hawaii Women Lawyers, and would be honored to serve this organization in that capacity. Outside of HWL, I am currently Senior Counsel at Kamehameha Schools, working in furtherance of the Schools' mission to create educational opportunities in perpetuity to improve the

capability and well-being of people of Hawaiian ancestry. Committed to the local legal and broader community, I also serve on the board of Aloha Harvest and the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of O'ahu, and as a member of the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission's Committee on Increasing Pro Bono Legal Services.

Tara Buckley, Esq.



Tara Buckley received her Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law and currently serves as the Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Jeffrey P. Crabtree in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Her previous work experience includes law clerk positions with two small firms, a paralegal position with the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, and legal externships with Hawaiian Electric, the Environmental Court, and Justice Sabrina McKenna with the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Tara has supported Hawaii Women Lawyers since she was a student representative while attending Richardson and she

looks forward to a continued partnership with HWL as its new Secretary.

Pōhai Nu'uhiwa Campbell, Esq.



Pōhai Nu'uhiwa Campbell is an associate at Cades Schutte LLP, where she practices trust and estate law. She is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she served as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the University of Hawai'i Law Review. Prior to joining Cades Schutte, Pōhai served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald at the Hawaii Supreme Court, and the Honorable Gary W. B. Chang at the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Pōhai received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education from Winthrop University in South Carolina, where she graduated as class valedictorian and captained her Division I women's volleyball team. After graduating from Winthrop, she returned home to Hawai'i and taught at

Kamehameha Schools for four years before going to law school.

Pōhai currently serves as secretary for the HSBA Elder Law section and is a fellow in the 2020 HSBA Leadership Institute. She also serves on the board of the Hawai'i Nature Center. Pōhai is proficient in Hawaiian language, an avid hula dancer, and a brand-new mom to daughter Mamo.

Jill Hasegawa, Esq.



Jill is of counsel to the law firm of Raymond K. Hasegawa AAL LLC in Hilo, Hawaii. Prior to joining her current firm, Jill was a partner with the law firm of Ashford & Wriston, having joined A&W in 2004. Jill is a proud graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the University of Hawaii Alumni Association. Jill is a past President for the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and continues to serve on the board of HWLF. Jill is very active with the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, serving as the Commission's Vice-Chair from 2008 to 2014, and continuing to serve on its various committees.

Mihoko Ito, Esq.



Mihoko is of counsel at Ashford & Wriston where she practices in the area of government affairs and administrative law, and helps clients develop successful government relations strategies before all levels of government. She is a 2003 graduate of UC Hastings College of the Law. She is active in numerous community organizations including the Hawaii Procurement Institute, Parents and Children Together, the Estria Foundation, Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu, WUB Hawaii, and the Access to Justice Committee on Education and Conference Planning. She has been recognized for her professional and pro bono work as a Forty Under 40 awardee (2008), Stars of Hope honoree (2011), Hawaii State Bar Association Ki'e Ki'e Award for pro bono service (2011), and Hawaii Justice Foundation Spirit of Justice awardee (2011).

Erin Kobayashi, Esq.



Erin M. Kobayashi is an attorney at Kleintop & Luria, LLP. She practices in the area of family law, including all divorce and post-divorce matters, paternity matters, and temporary restraining orders. Ms. Kobayashi currently serves as the Treasurer for Hawai'i Women Lawyers (HWL), an Oahu Director for the Hawai'i State Bar Association (HSBA), and Chair of the HSBA's Child Law Section. She has been on the HWL Board since 2012 and also served as an HWL Student Representative while attending the William S. Richardson School of Law. Ms. Kobayashi has two daughters, ages 6 and 16.

Tricia Nakamatsu, Esq.



Tricia has served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu since 2010, alternating between duties as a legislative liaison and trial attorney. In her "prior life" as a Deputy Corporation Counsel, Tricia practiced in labor law, advised various public safety departments and served as administrative prosecutor for the Honolulu Liquor Commission. She first began her career as an associate with a private law firm, specializing in workers compensation, after graduating from the William S. Richardson School of Law. Tricia truly enjoys public service, and has served as chair/co-chair of HWL's Community Outreach Committee since 2007, aside from serving one term as HWL President. She also volunteers as a Board Officer for the Punalu'u Yin Sit Sha Society, and as a

Director with Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation.

Jennifer Ontai, Esq.



Jennifer Ontai is an associate with Torkildson, Katz, Hetherington, Harris, and Knorek. Her practice focuses mostly on corporate and health care law, but also involves representation of Taft-Hartley trust funds in ERISA compliance matters. Jennifer served as a law clerk to the Honorable Bert I. Ayabe of the First Circuit Court of Hawaii after receiving her JD/MBA from the University of Hawaii in 2011. She was a fellow in the HSBA 2017 Leadership Institute.

Alana Peacott-Ricardos, Esq.



Alana Peacott-Ricardos is VP, Compliance Officer, BSA Officer, & Associate General Counsel for Finance Factors, Ltd. She oversees the administration of the company's compliance programs. Prior to joining Finance Factors, Alana was a litigation partner at Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel. Before that, she led the public policy advocacy and education programs for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. She began her legal career with the law firm Cades Schutte. Alana is also on the boards of the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association and Making Ends Meet, a non-profit that provides financial assistance to individuals attempting to become independent or maintain independence of government assistance.

Molly Stebbins, Esq.



Molly Stebbins is a Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu where she currently practices in her office's Real Estate and Land Use Section. Prior to joining the City, Molly served the County of Hawaii as the Corporation Counsel (2014-2016) and as a Deputy Corporation Counsel (2007-2014). From 2009-2011, Molly was the East Hawaii Director for HSBA's Young Lawyers Division. Molly received her B.A. in Social Thought and Political Economy from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and her J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law. She is licensed to practice law in Hawaii and Massachusetts.

Shan Wirt, Esq.



Shan Wirt is a Senior Associate with Torkildson, Katz, Hetherington, Harris & Knorek's Honolulu office. Her practice focuses on business dispute resolution and litigation.

She previously served as President of Hawaii Women Lawyers (2016-17) and has been on the Board since 2010. Shan is a proud graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law (class of 2006), where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal and was a part of the American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition Team. She currently serves as Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court's Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, as well as a Board Member of Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter.

Over the years, Shan has provided strategic counsel to clients ranging from FORTUNE 500 companies to local businesses in matters involving business, real property, intellectual property, trust administration, employment and tort issues. She has represented businesses and organizations, including financial institutions, telecommunications and utilities, manufacturers, medical service entities, associations, contractors and educational institutions, as well as insurance companies and their insured. Before practicing law, Shan worked for one of the state's largest public relations firms, as well as a well-regarded boutique firm, specializing in media relations and integrated marketing communications for the tourism and hospitality industry.