

GUEST SPEAKERS

HONORABLE EDMUND D. ACOBA. Judge Edmund D. Acoba is a district judge who presides in the Family Court of the Fifth Circuit. Prior to becoming a state judge on May 27, 2011, he was the supervising attorney of the Office of the Public Defender on Kaua`i. Before becoming a public defender in 1989, he worked in the Kaua`i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. A former president of the Kaua`i Bar Association, Judge Acoba earned his law degree from Whittier College of Law in 1987 and a bachelor's degree from the University of Hawai`i at Manoa in 1984.

HONORABLE ALEY AUNA. Judge Auna was appointed to the Family Court of the Third Circuit in 2000. Prior to that, Judge Auna was a Deputy Attorney General with the Department of the Attorney General, Family Law Division and Social Services Division, in Hilo, Hawaii. Prior to that he was employed at the law firms of Dixon and Okura in Hilo, and Bruce M. Clark in Honolulu. Judge Auna received his B.S. from Brigham Young University, Hawaii, and a J.D. from the University of Hawai`i - William S. Richardson School of Law.

JANICE BENNETT. Janice Bennett has been the administrator of the Hawaii Drug Court Program for the past 14 years. She has a master of science in counseling psychology and she is a State certified substance abuse counselor and clinical supervisor.

LOUISE CRUM. Born and raised in Hawaii, Louise completed her Bachelors of Arts in Social Sciences with a Specialization in Psychology and a Certificate in Substance Abuse and Addiction Studies in 2000 from the University of Hawaii at West Oahu. She spent the next five years working at Kahi Mohala psychiatric hospital providing direct supervision, counseling and psycho-educational services to seriously mentally ill patients. She also assisted civilly committed and court ordered patients with discharge planning and satisfying legal mandates. In 2004, Louise received her Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and was hired in her current position as the Mental Health Court Coordinator when the court program began in 2005. As the court coordinator, Louise oversees all daily operations of the Mental Health Court, including responsibility for program admissions; for the administrative, financial, and contractual aspects of the program; for public relations and collaboration with other criminal justice and community agencies. Louise is also on the Board of the Hawaii State Council on Mental Health.

JAY GOSS. Jay is a graduate of the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. Jay has been with the Office of the Attorney General for 26 years. Jay is currently the Lead Deputy for child welfare issues, appeals, and legislation. He is also a member of the task force organized by the Family Court to review and propose legislation dealing with child welfare.

LYNNE KAZAMA. Lynne is currently Assistant Program Development Administrator for the Child Welfare Services Branch of the DHS. She received her MSW from the University of Hawaii, and is also a LSW. She was formerly with Casey Family Programs and has a long history of working with foster youth. Most recently, she has been in charge of the Department of Human Services' implementation of the Imua Kākou Program in Hawaii.

JAMES LUTTE. Jim Lutte has a Masters in Clinical Psychology from Villanova University. He has over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, serving as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Clinical Director and Regional Manager with various Chemical Dependency Treatment Centers. Jim has been with the Judiciary as the First Circuit's Family Drug Court Coordinator since 2005.

PATRICIA MCMANAMAN. Director of the Department of Human Services. Prior to her current position, Ms. McManaman held numerous social justice roles in Hawaii's community, including deputy executive director of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, CEO for Na Loio—the Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center, the Office of the Public Defender, Office of Consumer Protection, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. She also served concurrently as a per diem judge in the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii for 17 years.

STANTON MICHELS, M.D. Dr. Michels is the Administrator of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health. He received his Medical Degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and later received a Master's Degree in Medical Management from University of Southern California. As administrator, he is responsible for the development and direction of a statewide system of programs to promote, preserve, care for and improve the mental health of children, adolescents and their families. He formulates and implements the statewide child and adolescent mental health policy.

PATRICIA MILES. Patricia Miles is a consultant from Portland, Oregon who has been involved in system improvement efforts for more than 20 years. She has consulted on system design and practice improvement efforts in Child Welfare, Education, Children's Mental Health and Juvenile Justice settings as well as Older Adult programs. Committed to assisting & supporting those who get to provide direct care to families, Pat has authored several articles on service improvement as well as multiple curricula designed to increase skills of direct service personnel. She has conducted training about Wraparound and other practice models in more than 25 states, including Hawaii. She can be reached at patmiles@patmiles.com.

DAYNA MIYASAKI. Dayna Miyasaki has over 10 years of education and experience working with adults and youth involved in the Hawaii justice system, both incarcerated and in the community. Currently, Ms. Miyasaki is the Program Coordinator for the Hawaii Girls Court, a gender-specific specialty court that provides comprehensive court supervision and support, family and individual therapy, and experiential activities to girls under court supervision in the First Circuit of Hawaii.

HONORABLE PAUL MURAKAMI. Judge Murakami is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law and is a long-time First Circuit Family Court judge with a strong interest in foster youth's outcomes. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Murakami was in private practice specializing in family law and criminal defense.

HONORABLE HENRY NAKAMOTO. Judge Nakamoto was appointed to the Family Court of the Third Circuit in 2013. Prior to that, Judge Nakamoto was an associate in the Hilo firm of Nakamoto, Okamoto and Yamamoto, and with the Honolulu law firm of Goodsill, Anderson, Quinn and Stifel. Judge Nakamoto has been a civil litigator in family law, real estate law and estate planning. He has served as a guardian ad litem and special master for the Family Court of the District Court in the Third Circuit, which consists of Hawaii County. He has also served as an arbitrator. Judge Nakamoto received his law degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. He received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University.

KAYLE PEREZ. Kayle Perez, Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator in the Department of Human Services (DHS). She has been with the DHS for 28 years, beginning as a Social Worker on the Hamakua Coast of the Big Island, then in Case Management and the Sex Abuse unit before taking on her current position. Kayle received her Masters in Social Work in 1983 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

MIKE KEOLA PIENA. Keola has been employed as the First Circuit Family Court's Case Manager for the Hawaii Zero to Three Court since January 2014. He received his MSW from University of Hawai'i at Manoa and is currently pursuing his Ph.D in Social Work from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Prior to entering graduate school, Keola was employed at the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center.

JOEL TAMAYO. Joel Tamayo is the Administrator for the Family Court First Circuit Juvenile Drug Court. He received a B.S. degree from Chaminade University in Criminal Justice and is CSAC certified.

HONORABLE ROM TRADER. Judge Trader is currently assigned to the First Circuit Court Criminal Calendar. He presides over jury trials and for the last two years he also has shared responsibility with Judge Steven Alm for the HOPE calendar. Judge Trader conducts HOPE violation hearings 3-4 days each week and has seen first-hand the benefits of this program. After graduating from the Richardson School of Law in 1987, Judge Trader served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ronald Greig. He then spent 20 years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney before being appointed to the bench in 2009.

NOY WORACHIT is 21 years old and the vice-president of the HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board on Oahu. She spent six years in foster care and emancipated at 18 ½. Noy attends Honolulu Community College and is pursuing a degree in Administration of Justice. She works for EPIC 'Ohana as an assistant for the Hawai'i Youth Opportunities

Initiative, is a mother of two and an advocate for systems change and increased awareness about the needs of young people aging out of foster care.

GERNANI YUTOB, JR. is 24 years old and alumni of the foster care system. He currently serves as the president of the HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board on Oahu and is active in advocating for improved outcomes for transitioning foster youth. He graduated from the University of Hawaii - West Oahu with a B.A. in Public Administration, with a concentration on Justice Administration, and currently works for EPIC `Ohana's Youth Circle program as a coordinator/facilitator, helping young people involved with foster care to create transition plans.

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