

2017 Annual Child Welfare Law Update

Ko'olau Golf Course, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Friday, August 25, 2017

PROGRAM

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

8:30 a.m. WELCOME

Malia Malufau, Program Emcee
Honorable Catherine Remigio, Senior Judge, Family Court
of the First Circuit
Pankaj Bhanot, Director, Department of Human Services

**8:40 a.m. CHILD WELFARE STATUTORY CHANGES AND
APPELLATE DECISIONS**

Jay Goss, Deputy Attorney General
Patrick Pascual, Deputy Attorney General

(Q&A to follow)

**9:00 a.m. JUDICIARY AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH: CHILD
WELFARE INITIATIVES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND
PLANS FOR 2017-18**

Family Court: Honorable Bode Uale, Judge, Family Court of the First Circuit

Department of Human Services: Kayle Perez, Child Welfare Services Branch
Administrator, Department of Human Services (DHS)

Department of Education: Maureen Ikeda, Education Specialist, Comprehensive
Student Support Services, Department of Education

Department of Health: Stanton Michels, Administrator of the Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Division

(Q&A to follow)

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m. LGBTQ UPDATE: OVERVIEW OF CURRENT LGBTQ ISSUES AND LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS IN HAWAII AND THE NATION

Josephine Chang, JD, Community Advocate (LGBT Issues)

10:45 a.m. OUT-OF-STATE THERAPEUTIC PLACEMENT AND TRANSITION HOME ISSUES

Honorable Paul T. Murakami, Judge, Family Court, First Circuit

Scott Shimabukuro, Ph.D., Assistant Administrator of Operations, Practice Development Officer, Clinical Services Office, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division, Department of Health

Nathan Foo, Social Services Manager, Family Court, First Circuit; Interstate Compact for Juveniles Commissioner

Stacie Pascual, Assistant Program Development Administrator, CWS

Erin Torres, Deputy Attorney General, Family Law Division

Moderator: Thomas Haia, J.D.

Noon NETWORKING AND WORKING LUNCH

Terrance Tom, Esq.

1:00 p.m. “A DAY IN THE LIFE”

TRIGGER WARNING: Please note the language and subject matter in this production is uncensored and raw.

Featuring teen members of the GoodCapp Arts Ensemble, *A Day in the Life* is inspired by the experiences of real survivors of human trafficking and features the 14 to 20-year-old actors and activists of the GoodCapp Arts Ensemble, an arts production project and youth theater ensemble dedicated to changing the world through daring, accessible theater. *A Day in the Life* has toured to cities throughout the US and brings a human face to commercial sexual exploitation. In March 2017, the ensemble performed “*A Day In The Life*” for attendees at the National CASA/GAL Conference in Seattle.

1:45 p.m. HEALING THROUGH THE PERFORMING ARTS

Katie Cappiello and the performers of “A Day in A Life” will speak about the play in the context of theater arts as a powerful tool for policy and social change.

2:20 p.m. HAWAII’S RESPONSE TO CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

George Rhoades, Ph.D., Founder and Clinic Director, Ola Hou Clinic, Oahu

Florence Calderon, Assistant Program Development Administrator, Child Welfare Services

Monica Rowsey, FBI Victim Specialist

Marie Vorsino, Vice President of Intervention Programs, PACT

Katie Cappiello, GoodCapp Arts Founder

A Survivor

Moderator: Causha Spellman, Domestic Violence Action Center, Teen Alert Program

4:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS

Honorable Catherine Remigio, Senior Judge, Family Court of the First Circuit

SPEAKERS

PANKAJ BHANOT. Mr. Bhanot is the Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS). Pankaj has worked in various roles at the DHS since 1999, most recently, as the Deputy Director of DHS. Since 1999, Pankaj has spearheaded multiple efforts to streamline and improve the service delivery of benefits, employment and training programs, subsidized wage initiative, and contract management. Presently, he is leading the 'Ohana Nui project (multigenerational approach to serving Hawai'i's families early and concurrently) and technology integration effort, among other business transformation efforts, to integrate public welfare and child welfare programs into the DHS enterprise platform. Among his achievements, Pankaj is a recipient of 2013 Governor's State Manager of the Year Award; 2006 Governor's Award for Distinguished State Service; 2006 DHS Employee of the Year Award. Pankaj lives in Honolulu with his wife and son and holds a B.A. (Honors) in Political Science and LL.B. from the University of Delhi, and LL.M. from the Cornell University Law School. He completed post-graduate research in Public International Law at the School of Law, University of Nottingham (United Kingdom).

FLORENCE CALDERON. Florence Calderon is an Assistant Program Administrator for Child Welfare Services (CWS). Her work focuses on human trafficking, domestic violence, and Family Court. Florence also works on-call with the Crisis Response Team and as a case manager. Florence received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services in 2006 and a Master's degree in Business Administration in 2009 from the University of Phoenix. She began with CWS as a case manager and later held a position as an assessment worker. Florence has experience working with diverse populations including children with special needs, adults with disabilities, and the aging population.

KATIE CAPPIELLO. Katie Cappiello, the writer and director of the play, "A Day in the Life," is an award-winning theater teacher and playwright whose works have been produced worldwide. She is also the co-creator of Project Impact, a leadership-through-storytelling workshop for youth and adult human trafficking survivors in New York. Katie has been honored by the National Women's Hall of Fame and, along with the GoodCapp Arts youth ensemble, is one of New York's New Abolitionists.

JO CHANG. Jo Chang has been an advocate for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community for over 25 years. She has partnered with Judge R. Mark Browning to organize the Family Court's Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in Hawaii's Juvenile Justice System, and serves as a consultant to this committee and its member agencies. She also provides support to parents of LGBTQ children, LGBT resources to families and professionals, conducts LGBT training for organizations, and organizes LGBTQ training conferences and educational events. Jo is a retired attorney-at-law and state employee, has three sons, including a gay son, and does photography. She can be reached at: ocsjosie@hotmail.com.

NATHAN FOO. Nathan Foo was born and raised on Oahu and received his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and his M.A. in Marriage and Family Counseling and in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. He has worked for over 30 years in Family Court and Adult Probation. He is currently serving as Social Services Manager at Family Court and as Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) Commissioner.

JAY GOSS, J.D. Jay Goss 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 over 30 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.

THOMAS HAIA, J.D. Thomas Haia received his Juris Doctor degree in 1995 from the William S. Richardson School of Law. Since then, he has practiced law as a solo practitioner, specializing in Family Law. Mr. Haia was also a foster parent.

MAUREEN IKEDA, Ed.D. Maureen Ikeda is an Educational Specialist for the Student Support Services Section, Hawaii Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Student Support. She specializes in the area of primary prevention and intervention for vulnerable populations. Her current work entails policy development and implementation, inter agency collaboration and program management components of educational governance to ensure all students have the opportunity to attain achievement and graduate from high school ready for college and careers.

MALIA MALUFAU. Malia Malufau grew up in foster care from age 5 and aged out at 18. She is currently working for William S. Richardson School of Law as a Youth-In-Court Facilitator at Family Court in Kapolei. This is the first position of its kind in Hawai'i and second in the nation. Malia's role is to help youth and children feel more comfortable with the court process, and inform youth about resources available to them and the Guiding Principles for Children in Foster Care (Child Protective Act, HRS Chapter 587A) before they go into their hearing. Malia gives back to the community in many ways, including by being an active member for both the 'Ohana Is Forever and Teen Day planning committees. Malia is also the proud mother of three beautiful daughters.

STANTON MICHELS, M.D. Dr. Stanton 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 the 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. Dr. Michels formulates and implements the statewide child and adolescent mental health policy.

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 outcomes. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Murakami was in private practice specializing in family law and criminal defense. He was the first lead judge for the Imua Kakou and Permanency specialty courts, and has been lead judge for the Hawaii Zero to Three Court since November 2014.

PATRICK PASCUAL. Patrick Pascual is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. Patrick has worked as a Deputy Attorney General in the Family Law Division with the Office of the Attorney General for over 20 years.

STACIE PASCUAL. Stacie Pascual is an Assistant Program Administrator for Child Welfare Services (CWS). Her work focuses on the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, sex abuse, and the intake and differential response system. She also holds an on-call position with CWS to assist with the CWS Hotline. Stacie earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa and thereafter began her career with CWS first as a case manager, then as an investigator for five years, followed by ten years at the CWS Hotline.

KAYLE PEREZ, MSW. Kayle Perez is the Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator of the Department of Human Services (DHS). She has been with the DHS for over 30 years, beginning her career 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 degree in Social Work in 1983 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

HONORABLE CATHERINE REMIGIO. Deputy Chief Judge Catherine H. Remigio was sworn in as a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit on April 7, 2017, and was designated Deputy Chief Judge, Family Division, effective April 10, 2017.

Prior to her Circuit Court appointment, Judge Remigio served as a Family Court Judge for nearly six (6) years. In that capacity, Judge Remigio presided for two and a half years in the Domestic Division and four (4) years in the Juvenile Division. While in the Domestic Division, Judge Remigio served as Chair of the 2014 Child Support Guidelines Committee and the Forms Committee. While in the Juvenile Division, Judge Remigio was the Presiding Judge of the Imua Kākou (extended foster care) and the Permanency Specialty Courts. She also served as the Administrative Judge of the Truancy Court Pilot Project, a position she has retained. Judge Remigio received her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. She is a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama Campus. She was born and raised in Waipahu, Hawaii.

GEORGE RHOADES, Ph.D. George Rhoades is a Hawaii licensed clinical psychologist with specializations in Trauma, Sexual Trafficking, and Anger Management. Dr. Rhoades is the founder and Clinical Director of Ola House Clinic in Aiea, Hawaii. He is the Chair of the Hope Trauma Team at Ola Hou Clinic and is an internationally renowned expert on sexual trafficking. Dr. Rhoades was a founding member of APA Division 56, Trauma Psychology and is currently their CE and Webinar Chair.

MONICA ROWSEY, MEd/C, MHP. Monica Rowsey is a Victim Specialist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She has over 23 years of experience in working violent cases and providing assistance to victims of crime. She serves the Pacific Region including Hawaii, Guam, Saipan & American Samoa.

SCOTT SHIMABUKURO, Ph.D. Scott Shimabukuro serves as the Practice Development Manager for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health (CAMHD).

CAUSHA SPELLMAN. Causha {pronounced “Cash-ay”} Spellman currently works as a Teen Advocate and Counselor for the Teen Alert Program of the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC) by day. In addition, along with her friend and coworker Maxine Anderson, Causha has also developed curriculum, and implemented training and education, for DVAC staff on Diversity and Inclusivity of the LGBTQ+ community and Intimate Partner Violence. Causha also spends time conducting and writing research, volunteering with multiple organizations, and is a passionate activist and advocate for marginalized communities generally, and the youth, LGBTQ+, and POC communities specifically. has over 15 years advocating for ‘high-risk’ youth in various capacities, and she plans to continue her work of activism and advocating for youth and marginalized communities for as long as her brain and body will allow her.

ERIN TORRES. Deputy Attorney General Erin Torres received her Juris Doctor degree in 2006 from the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa. She has been a Deputy Attorney General in the Family Law Division (FLD) for nearly 10 years. For the past year, Erin has been a co-lead deputy for the FLD’s specialty calendar, which covers state agency involvement in juvenile offender, truancy, adult protective, and adult guardianship and involuntary hospitalization cases in the Family Court.

HONORABLE BODE UALE. Judge Bode Uale was the first Family Court judge of Samoan descent appointed in the United States. He is currently lead judge of the First Circuit Family Court’s Juvenile Division. Judge Uale has a strong interest in foster youth and has played a pivotal part in the first ten ‘Ohana is Forever conferences. He was raised in Laie, Hawai‘i, graduated with a Political Science degree from Brigham Young University–Hawai‘i and later earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1984 from the University of Hawai‘i’s William S. Richardson School of Law.

MARIE VORSINO, PsyD. Marie Vorsino is Vice President of Intervention Programs at Parents and Children Together (PACT). Dr. Vorsino obtained her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Argosy University in Honolulu, Hawaii. She has over 15 years of experience in child and adolescent mental health, trauma informed care, juvenile justice, and systems work. She is the Chair of the State Council on Mental Health where she has served for over four years. Dr. Vorsino's interests include organizational change, trauma informed, care, and community prevention activities with adolescents in the areas of dating violence, stalking, and bullying.

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