

SPEAKERS

HONORABLE JOHN ROMERO, JR. is from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Judge Romero began on the bench in 2003, as a District Court Judge, and also serves as a Therapeutic Court Judge over the Program for the Empowerment of Girls. He is a member of the New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium, has served on the NCJFCJ's Family Violence and Juvenile and Family Law Department Advisory committees, and also served on the *Resource Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases* Revision Committee. He is a frequent trainer on issues related to juvenile justice and child welfare.

Judge Romero has served as Lead Faculty for our National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking; has served as faculty at both our CANI and Tribal CANI and serves as faculty for our Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence. He was one of the committee members responsible for the enhancement of the Resource Guidelines and is the incoming NCJFCJ President.

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CATHY BETTS. Cathy Betts is the Deputy Director for the Hawaii State Department of Human Services. She has worked in the fields of advocacy for women, family law, violence prevention, Title IX, labor protections for workers, economic justice, and gender-based violence. She served as the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women from 2011-2017, and was appointed as Deputy Director in October 2017.

Cathy is a former Deputy Attorney General with the State of Hawaii's Family Law Division, where she primarily represented Child Welfare Services in child abuse and neglect cases. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association, the Board of Directors for Hawaii Women Lawyers, and the Board of Directors for the National Association of Commissions for Women. She also serves as the Co-Chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Diversity, Equality and the Law (DEAL) Committee and serves as the Co-Chair of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Committee with the Family Court of the First Circuit. Cathy earned her B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles and her J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

EVANGELINE CASINAS, B.Ed, MAT, NBCT. Evangeline "Vangie" G. Casinas has been with a Department of Education for nearly 44 years--as a student in the public school system and nearly 25 of those years as a secondary teacher, school-wide advisory coordinator, and vice principal. In January 2018, Vangie was hired as the new Educational Specialist for Foster Care and Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk programs among others at the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Support. Besides baking and watching her three sons play sports, she has a passion for teaching and serving students.

PATRICIA DUH. "Aloha my name is Patricia Duh. I am currently 23 years old. I was born and raised on the Island of Oahu but currently, reside on the island of Kaua'i. I am

attending the University of Hawaii - West Oahu in pursuit of my bachelor's degree in social sciences with a concentration in psychology. I hope to become a social worker or end up in a career in which I may be able to help youth who have been impacted by the foster care system. I spent six years in the foster care system. In my spare time, I advocate on a state and national level to help increase opportunities for youth impacted by the child welfare system as well as work and take care of my daughter. I also enjoy spending quality time with my family, friends, playing video games, singing, and cooking.”

MELISSA D. GUELLER, M.D. Melissa is the Program Director for Child Abuse and Neglect at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Ms. Gueller has gained a great deal of knowledge about child abuse and neglect issues through her work as an advocate for domestic violence victims and their children, her extensive work in juvenile justice, as well as through her work with chronically mentally ill adults involved in the criminal justice system. As a former Model Court Liaison and Senior Program Manager, and in her current position as the Program Director of Child Abuse and Neglect, Ms. Gueller works closely with courts handling child abuse and neglect cases nationwide to facilitate systems change through the provision of technical assistance, consultation, research, and evaluation.

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.

JULIO HERRERA, J.D. Julio Herrera graduated from Santa Clara University Law School and was admitted to the Hawaii Bar in 1998. He is currently the Supervisor of the Family Law Division of the Department of Attorney General.

MALCOLM HONG, J.D. Malcolm is a member of the inaugural class from Richardson School of Law, serving as a guardian ad litem for over 30 years, sitting on a number of committees related to child-welfare issues.

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

HONORABLE CHRISTINE KURIYAMA. Judge Kuriyama has been on the bench for over 23 years. She was appointed to the First Circuit Family Court as a per diem judge by former Chief Justice Ronald Moon in June of 1995, and then as a fulltime judge by Chief Justice Judge Moon in May of 2004. In late November 2014, Judge Kuriyama was appointed to the First Circuit Court by Governor Neil Abercrombie, and was assigned to the Circuit Court Criminal Division where she presided over misdemeanor jury demand and felony cases. As of September 24, 2018, Judge Kuriyama has been reassigned to Family Court as the Senior Family Court Judge. Over the course of 19+ years that she spent in Family Court,

she was assigned to each of the three Family Court divisions, domestic, juvenile and special, and presided over every calendar in all three divisions. Judge Kuriyama was also the Hawaii Zero to Three Court presiding judge from 2009 to November 2014.

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.

ANASTASIA NEUMANN. Anastasia is 17 years old and currently in the foster care system. She is a senior at Kapolei High School and serves as a member of the HI HOPES Youth Leadership Board on Oahu. After graduating from high school, she plans to enter the military as a reservist and continue her education. She is passionate about her work with the foster care system. She has also developed a passion for natural resources, such as farming and environmental sustainability. Anastasia hopes to continue working closely with foster children and working on improving the foster care system. In her free time, she enjoys reading and working to earn her own money.

ELLADINE OLEVAO. Elladine Olevao is Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator for the Hawaii Department of Human Services. She began her work as a social worker on Molokai. Prior to becoming Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator in 2018, she was Section Administrator for Maui, Lanai, and Molokai. She received a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Brigham Young University-Hawaii.

PATRICK PASCUAL, J.D. 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.

KAYLE PEREZ, MSW. Kayle Perez is the Social Services Division 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 Master's in Social Work degree in 1983 from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

ERIN TORRES, J.D. Erin Torres received her Juris Doctor degree in 2006 from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. She has worked as a Deputy Attorney General in the Family Law Division (FLD) with the Office of the

Attorney General for nearly 10 years. For the past two years, 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 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 eleven '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 Doctorate in 1984 from the University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law.

DELIA ULIMA, J.D. Delia Ulima is a Statewide Initiative Coordinator for the Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative, which serves as the local site for the national Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, with EPIC 'Ohana as the lead agency. A large part of her work focuses on youth engagement, public will and policy efforts, and overseeing the advocacy work of the youth boards statewide. She holds a B.A. from BYU-Hawai'i and a J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law. Delia serves on the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council.