

SPEAKER BIOS
2021 Annual Child Welfare Law Update Conference

KEVIN ADANIYA. Kevin Adaniya is a graduate of McGeorge School of Law and has been licensed to practice law in Hawaii since 1996. He has been practicing family law, including as an attorney for parents and as guardian ad litem in child welfare cases.

PATRICIA DUH. Patricia has been a member of the H.I.H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board on Kaua'i since 2013. She spent six years in the foster care system and has participated in programs such as Imua Kakou and Higher Education. Patricia is passionate about ensuring visitation between siblings in foster care and ensuring that youth in foster care are afforded the opportunities to engage in normal activities and experiences. Patricia recently received her Bachelor's degree in social sciences – psychology. She continues to develop her leadership skills to become a better advocate and to fulfill her goal of becoming a clinical psychologist. Along with the advocacy work that she does, she is currently employed at EPIC 'Ohana as a Pono Process Lead. In her spare time, she loves hanging out with her family, friends, playing video games, singing, and cooking.

DAISY HARTSFIELD. Daisy Hartsfield brings to the Department of Human Services (DHS) a broad and diverse experience in the child welfare system. She served as a Guardian Ad Litem, Counsel for the CASA Program, and on a limited basis represented parents and children in FC-S cases. Daisy has come full circle as a government employee – she started as an investigator of child abuse and neglect, was a juvenile probation officer, a deputy public defender, deputy attorney general in the Family Law Division, supervisor of the Hawaii Drug Court Program, deputy prosecuting attorney, returned to DHS in 2019 as special assistant to former DHS Director Pankaj Bhanot, and is now the Social Services Administrator since October 2020.

HI H.O.P.E.S. INITIATIVE. The Initiative works to ensure that young people who've experienced foster care — primarily those between ages 14 and 26 — *have the relationships, resources and opportunities they need for success.* They do this by working with public and private partners on the state and local level to improve policies and practices, promote youth voice and engagement, apply evaluation and research, and create community partnerships. Our work creates opportunities for young people to achieve positive outcomes in permanency, education, employment, housing, health, financial capability, and social capital.

The HI H.O.P.E.S. Initiative is a partner of the national Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. For more information about the national work, please go to www.jimcaseyyouth.org.

YVONNE HUMBLE. Dr. Yvonne Humble has a Bachelor of Science degree, a master's degree in Special Education, a Specialist Degree in Behavior Disorders, and a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership, with an emphasis in Special Education. She has over 40 years in the educational system as a teacher, special education teacher, Behavioral Specialist, Director of

Special Education, District Education Specialist and is currently the Director of Student Support Services for the Hawaii Department of Education.

KURT HUMPHREY. Dr. Kurt Humphrey is the Medical Director of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division, State of Hawaii Department of Health. Kurt is originally from Colorado, and received his M.D. from the University of Colorado – Denver. He stayed in Colorado for his residency and fellowship training in adult and child and adolescent psychiatry. After moving to Hawaii eight years ago, Kurt joined the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division’s Family Court Liaison Branch before transitioning into the Medical Director role. Kurt’s clinical interests include trauma and related disorders, telepsychiatry and mental health issues in the LGBTQ+ population.

TONIA MAHI. Tonia Mahi is the Department of Human Services Assistant Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator. She graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a bachelor’s degree in Social Work and from the University of Southern California with a master’s degree in Social Work. She has been with the Department of Human Services since 1991 working as an assessment worker, supervisor, trainer, and section administrator until assuming her current position in May 2019.

MELISSA MAYO. Melissa Mayo spent five years in foster care between the ages of 13 and 18 and is now the President on the HI H.O.P.E.S Youth Leadership Board in East Hawaii. Melissa is also a current Hawaii Young Fellow with the Jim Casey Initiative and has been an ambitious leader, with a passion for creating positive change and empowering her peers in the Child Welfare System. Melissa also uses her advocacy work in her role as the Pono Process navigator at EPIC 'Ohana. In addition to Melissa’s advocacy work, she is currently working on obtaining her bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Administration of Justice at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

ELLADINE OLEVAO. Elladine Olevao is Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator for the Department of Human Services. She began her work as a social worker on Molokai. Prior to becoming the Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator in 2018, she was Section Administrator for the County of Maui. She received her bachelor’s degree in social work from the University of Hawaii.

CANDACE PANG. Candace Pang, ACSW, LSW, CSAC, is the Executive Director of The Salvation Army Family Treatment Services. For the past 25 years, she has worked with mothers in the early stages of recovery from substance use and trauma along with their infants and young children whose well-being has also been impacted by substance use and mental health issues within their family. Continued advocacy for effective women’s substance use treatment and inclusion of infant mental health and family engagement services within all levels of the recovery continuum has been an important part of her work and commitment to the field.

HONORABLE ANDREW T. PARK. Judge Andrew Park was appointed as a District Judge for a term beginning November 16th, 2020 and has been assigned to Juvenile Division of Family Court since that date. Prior to this appointment, Judge Park served as a per diem judge in the

Family Court from 2017 to 2020. Judge Park graduated with bachelor's degrees in economics and Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and received his Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

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.

STEPHANIE TABASHNECK. Dr. Tabashneck, PsyD, J.D., is a psychologist and attorney in Boston. Her practice areas include forensic psychological assessment, substance use issues, child custody, and criminal forensic evaluations. Dr. Tabashneck presents regionally and nationally on psychology and law topics, including at events organized by the American Bar Association, the Federal Judicial Center, the American Psychiatric Association, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the Massachusetts Trial Courts, and the New York Office of Attorneys for Children. Dr. Tabashneck is a board member of the Massachusetts chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Recent publications include the book *Substance Use and Parenting: Best Practices for Family Court Practitioners* (2021), an article on the opioid crisis and family drug courts in the scholarly journal *Family Law Quarterly* (Spring 2019) and a chapter in the American Bar Association book, *Representing People with Mental Disabilities: A Practical Guide for Criminal Defense Lawyers* (2019).

DELIA ULIMA. Delia Ulima serves as a Statewide Initiative Coordinator for the HI H.O.P.E.S. Initiative in Hawai'i; EPIC 'Ohana as the lead agency for this work. Delia is responsible for youth engagement, public will, communication, and policy efforts, which includes overseeing the work of the HI H.O.P.E.S. youth leadership boards statewide. She holds a B.A. from BYU-Hawai'i and a J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

HONORABLE MATTHEW VIOLA. Judge Matthew Viola is currently the Senior Family Court Judge of the Family Court of the First Circuit Court. He became a First Circuit Court judge on December 20, 2017. From 2017 to 2018, he presided over the misdemeanor domestic violence calendar. From December 2018 to June 2021, he was the presiding judge for the First Circuit Court's Drug Court Program, the Mental Health Court and the Veterans Treatment Court. He also presided over a HOPE probation docket.

Prior to becoming a First Circuit Court judge, he was a Family/District Court judge, where he presided over a full range of judge of family court matters, including divorces, paternity cases, guardianships, domestic violence restraining order cases, and child abuse and neglect cases. From 2010 to 2017, he was the presiding judge of the Juvenile Drug Court of the First Circuit.

Prior to his appointment as a Family Court judge in 2010, Judge Viola was in private practice as a lawyer, primarily handling employment law and general civil litigation cases. While working as a sole practitioner, Judge Viola also served as a Family Court per diem judge from 2002 to 2010. He was also an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law (2002 to

2005) and a lecturer at Kapi`olani Community College, Legal Education Department (2002-2007).

Judge Viola received his B.A. from Williams College (1984). After graduating from Stanford Law School with distinction in 1991, Judge Viola worked as an associate attorney with a San Francisco law firm for two years before clerking for Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Paula Nakayama from 1993 to 1995.