

SPEAKER BIOS
2022 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 Hawai'i since 1996. He has been practicing family law, including as an attorney for parents and as guardian ad litem in child welfare cases.

CHERYL ANDAYA

Dr. Cheryl Andaya, a clinical psychologist who specializes in the area of child maltreatment, currently serves as Director and Training Director for the Family Strengthening Center. She completed her internship at Atascadero State Hospital, a California maximum security forensic psychiatric facility. Her post-doctoral training was at Kapiolani Child Protection Center (KCPC) with Dr. Steven Choy, where she received specialized training in child maltreatment and providing trauma-informed care in working with children and families. She was subsequently offered a position as staff, conducting hundreds of psychological evaluations, supervising the training of future mental health providers, and served as a psychology consultant on the state Multidisciplinary Team. She was promoted to Manager of Clinical Services and Training, managing the behavioral health services and training at KCPC. She was then employed with the Department of Defense as a Pediatric Psychology Consultant for the Regional Health Command of the Pacific and was instrumental in the development of the Regional Telebehavioral Health Consultation Team as the Lead Psychology Consultant for the Pacific Region that encompasses Hawai'i, Japan, Korea, Guam, Alaska, California, and Washington.

Dr. Andaya is a member of the National Register of Health Service Psychologists, American Psychological Association, and Hawai'i Psychological Association. She is also certified as a Parent-Child Interaction Therapy therapist and trainer, and in utilizing the Hare Psychopathy Checklist.

CATHY BETTS

Cathy Betts is Director of the Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i 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 also previously served as a law clerk in the First Circuit Court; as a community outreach worker/education coordinator for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children; and as an attorney in private practice. 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.

FLORENCE CALDERON

Florence Calderon received a bachelor's degree in Human Services in 2006 and a master's degree in Business Administration in 2009, from University of Phoenix. She has a diverse experience working with different populations, e.g., children with special needs, adults with disabilities, the senior population, and now with the families involved with CWS. She initially started her career with the DHS Child Welfare Services as a case manager in 2008. She left the CWS during the reduction in force in 2009. She returned to the CWS in 2011, as an assessment worker. She worked as an assessment worker for about 5 years prior to being promoted to the CWS Program Development Office as an Assistant Program Administrator in 2016. Her program areas include human trafficking, domestic violence, and sex abuse. Florence also continues to assist the Crisis Response Team and in case management after hours, providing standby coverage.

AMPHAY CHAMPATHONG

Amphay Champathong graduated with a master's degree in Social work from the University of Hawaii and a J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law. He has dedicated over 25 years serving in different capacities within the child welfare arena--as a state assistant/social worker, as a court officer with the Judiciary-Family Court, and as

a CASA/GAL advocate/program manager, and soon to be CASA/GAL volunteer. He has a law practice helping families with their estate plans and owns several businesses.

HONORABLE BRIAN COSTA

The Honorable Brian Costa has been a full-time judge in the Family Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i since June 2017 and currently presides in the Juvenile Division. Previously, he served as a per diem judge in Family Court from February 2015 to June 2017. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Hawai'i Pacific University and a Juris Doctorate, *Magna Cum Laude*, from the William S. Richardson School of Law. He worked in the private and public sectors as an attorney for over 15 years before receiving his appointment as a full-time judge.

CHIEMI DAVIS

Chiemi Terasawa Davis is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker working as Executive Director of Social Services for the Lili'uokalani Trust. Her responsibilities include serving on the Leadership Team for LT (Lili'uokalani Trust) and managing all services statewide for Social Services, Lydia House, Early Childhood, and the Ranch. Chiemi works with a talented team of dedicated individuals committed to providing trauma informed care and healing within the context of blending Hawaiian culture and social work practices. Lili'uokalani Trust provides opportunities for Hawaiian children to realize their potential, living healthy, and prosperous lives, while contributing positively to their families, and communities. Prior to Chiemi returning home she worked 23 years for Casey Family Programs in numerous leadership roles which included work in Hawaii as a Strategic Consultant. Chiemi is a longtime social worker, community advocate, partner and practitioner of culture, race and gender equity serving children and families across this country.

HONORABLE JESSI HALL

The Hon. Jessi L.K. Hall has been a District Family Court Judge of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i since December 2017. She is currently the lead judge of the First Circuit Juvenile Division, as well as the presiding judge of the Hawai'i Zero to Three specialty court. Judge Hall is a member on many community and court involved boards and committees. Prior to joining the Family Court, Judge Hall was a practicing Family Law attorney for 18 years.

ARLENE HARADA-BROWN

Arlene Harada-Brown is a graduate of the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and has been licensed to practice law in Hawai'i since 2000. She clerked for then Judge Sabrina McKenna and Judge Virginia Crandall. Arlene has served as Deputy Attorney General in the Family Law Division and Deputy Disciplinary Counsel for the ODC. She represented parents in FC-S cases and has been a guardian ad litem since December 2008 to the present.

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 Anne E. Casey Foundation.

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 Hawai'i Department of Education.

KURT HUMPHREY

Dr. Kurt Humphrey is Medical Director of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division, State of Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i in 2014, 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.

CHARLOTTE KAMAUOHA

Charlotte Kamauoha is the Family First Hawai'i Program Manager for the Child Welfare Services Program Development Office, Department of Human Services. She graduated from Brigham Young University Hawai'i with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a master's degree in Social Work. Prior to joining Child Welfare Services in 2018 as a Voluntary Case Liaison, Charlotte worked in various positions serving children and families. These positions included being a Parent Partner under a CAMHD contract, Windward District DOE Ombudsman/Consultant, CAMHD Mental Health Care Coordinator, Project Kealahou Intensive Support Worker, HYCF In-Facility Specialist, and Juvenile Justice Wraparound Program Coordinator.

KEPUANANI LEE

Kepuanani Lee is a supervisor with the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services. She has been with the Department for almost 10 years. She received her master's degree from Chaminade University in Counseling Psychology.

TONIA MAHI

Tonia Mahi is Assistant Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator for Department of Human Services. She graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa 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 Department of Human Services since 1991, working as an assessment worker, supervisor, trainer, and section administrator until assuming her current position in May 2019.

HON. LINDA MARTELL (RET.)

Judge Martell served as a Per Diem Judge in Family Court of the First Judicial Circuit, State of Hawaii from 2005-2021. Previously, she worked as a Deputy Attorney General, as well as lawyer in private practice, and she worked on various projects with the Hawaii Judiciary, working to establish the Family Court Custody Investigation Unit and the Kids First Divorce Education Project.

Judge Martell received her B.S. degree from Boston University and a M.S. degree from the University of Hawai'i, both in Speech Pathology and Audiology. After working as a speech/language pathologist at Kapiolani Medical Center and the Hawaii Department of Education, Judge Martell entered the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i, where she was Executive Editor of the University of Hawaii Law Review. Following her law school graduation, Judge Martell clerked at the Hawai'i Supreme Court for the Justice Edward H. Nakamura.

Active in the community, Judge Martell is currently Vice-Chair of the Hawaii Housing Development Corporation (a private non-profit developer of Hawaii affordable rental housing), and the Hawaii Board of [Bar] Examiners. She is the past president of Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai (bon dance club) and the Women's Legal Foundation. She has also served on the boards of the Hawaii State Federal Credit Union, Kids Hurt Too, Positive Coaching Alliance Hawaii, Domestic Violence Action Center, Manoa Girls' Athletic Club, and the Downtown Neighborhood Board.

MELISSA MAYO

Melissa Mayo spent five years in foster care between the ages of 13 and 18 and is now President of the HI H.O.P.E.S Youth Leadership Board in East Hawai'i. Melissa is also a current Hawai'i 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 lead 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 Hawai'i at Hilo.

MAKIA MINERBI

Makia Minerbi is an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, previously in the Leeward Office and now in the Windward Office. He works mostly in the area of family law, as a Guardian ad Litem. He participates weekly in the Medical Legal Partnership at Waimanalo Health Center, co-teaches the Family Law Clinic at the William S. Richardson School of Law, and serves on the 2018 Child Support Guidelines Committee. Before joining Legal Aid, he clerked for the Hon. Michael D. Wilson (Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i). In law school he externed with the Hon. Richard R. Clifton (9th Cir., Federal) and Earthjustice and worked at the Office on Equality and Access to the Courts. Makia has been a foster parent.

PATRICIA MORGAN

Dr. Morgan, also known as "Dr. Pat," arrived in O'ahu in February from Charlotte, NC where she served as Medical Director for the Child Protection Team at Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina, and the Pediatric Resource Center (PRC) at Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center and Pediatric Resource Center of Union, NC (PRCU).

Dr. Morgan received her undergraduate degree from Howard University and her medical degree from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (formerly University of Medical and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), New Jersey Medical School). She then spent many years serving the pediatric population of Newark, NJ during her Pediatric residency, and as Chief resident at UMDNJ - University Hospital. Her path led her to work at the Metro Regional Diagnostic and Treatment Center (RDTTC), one of four centers in New Jersey providing evaluations for child abuse and neglect.

Dr. Morgan welcomes opportunities to share her expertise in Child Maltreatment. She currently serves as Immediate Past President of the Board of the North Carolina Chapter of APSAC (American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children). She previously served as a Board member of the New Jersey Chapter of APSAC and as Chapter President for three years. Additionally, Dr. Morgan is honored to serve, beginning July 2022, on the American Academy of Pediatrics Executive Committee for the Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (COCAN).

YUKARI MURAKAMI

Yukari Murakami is Managing Attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i Maui office and oversees the Maui, Lanai, and Molokai offices. She has been employed at Legal Aid since 2008 when she started as a staff attorney for the Maui office, practicing mainly family law. She graduated from University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law in 2005. She has been living on Maui since 1993 and graduated from Maui High School in 1997. She has been working as parents' counsel and guardian ad litem since about 2011.

KIM NABARRO

Kim is a Birth Parent with lived experience navigating the Hawaii Child Welfare Services (CWS) system. Currently, she is a Parent Partner with the Family WRAP program at an agency in Hawai'i called EPIC 'Ohana. Her role is to assist parents involved in the Child Welfare System to navigate systems so they can reunify with their children and close their CWS case. Ultimately, her role is to assist in a process that can support empowerment, collaboration, and self-advocacy. Kim is a survivor of domestic violence, meth addiction, incarceration, homelessness and was a teenage parent. She was able to successfully navigate HOPE Adult probation, has an AA degree in Human Services/Pre-Social Work, and has completed a Co-SAC (Substance Abuse Counseling) practicum. Kim currently works for the Makua Allies Program, which is partnering with EPIC to serve mothers with addiction issues. Kim is also engaged in the Strategic Sharing Workshops, which are connected to the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) and the Children's Trust Fund Alliance.

HONORABLE DARIEN NAGATA

Judge Darien W.L. Ching Nagata is a District Family Court Judge presiding in the Third Circuit. Chief Judge Mark E. Recktenwald appointed her to the bench in 2016. The Hawaii Women Lawyers recognized Judge Nagata as the

2021 Outstanding Judicial Achievement Award recipient. Judge Nagata is Hawaii's statewide Child and Family Services (CFSR) Program Improvement Plan (PIP) judge. She serves on numerous committees such as the: Statewide Child Protective Act Benchbook Revisions Committee (Co-Chair), Statewide Child Support Guidelines Committee, Committee on Operational Solutions (Family Court Co-Chair), Permanent Committee on Family Court Rules, Hawaii State Bar Association Nominating Committee, Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee, Statewide committee to apply for and manage the Children's Justice Grant, and Standing Committee on Children in Family Court. Prior to her appointment, Judge Nagata served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting Attorney from 1998 to 2016. She is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law, and was admitted to the Hawaii State Bar in 1997.

ANASTASIA NEUMANN

Anastasia Neumann is the president of the Oahu HI HOPES Youth Leadership Board and has served on the board for four years. She has lived experience in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Anastasia is 21 and currently works as the Pono Process Navigator at EPIC 'Ohana, helping foster youth with concerns about their rights while in care. Anastasia also serves as the Chair of the Youth Committee of the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council.

WINNIE NISHIMIYA

Winnie Nishimiya received her bachelor's and master's degree in Social Work from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She received practicum experience with Hawaii Child Welfare Services (CWS) and shortly thereafter began her permanent position as a social worker in July 2002. She was an assessment worker for many years before being promoted to a supervisor for the Crisis Response Team (CRT). She is currently the Section Administrator for Oahu CWS Section 1, overseeing the specialty units of Sex Abuse Assessment and Case Management, Serious Harm/Unknown Perpetrator/Death, and CRT.

FRANCIS T. O'BRIEN

For the last 35+ years, the majority of Francis O'Brien's practice has involved matters arising under the Child Protective Act. In these cases, he has represented parents, resource caregivers, guardians ad litem, foster children, and relatives seeking placement of foster children. He was counsel of record in the landmark appellate cases *In re AS* and *In re H.A.* He has tried contested cases on Oahu, Kauai, the Big Island, and Maui and he has handled multiple appeals involving issues arising in child protective cases.

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 Moloka'i. 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 Hawai'i.

KARLAN OSORIO

Karlan has a master's degree in Counseling Psychology. Karlan previously worked for Child Welfare Services for 11 years, starting as an SSA IV, then Case Manager, Assessment worker, Supervisor, and now Section Administrator. She has done extensive work with adults with mental health and dual diagnosis conditions, as well as in residential substance abuse centers for both adults and teens. Karlan is currently East Hawaii Section Administrator.

HONORABLE ANDREW PARK

The Honorable Judge Andrew Park was appointed to the District Court of the First Circuit and assigned to Family Court on November 16, 2020, where he sits in the Juvenile Division and presides over Child Welfare and Juvenile Offender cases. Prior to his appointment, he served as a per diem judge of the District Family Court where he presided over all types of family court cases, was an attorney in private practice handling criminal cases, and was a deputy prosecuting attorney for the City & County of Honolulu. Judge Park is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and 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.

STACIE PASCUAL

Stacie Pascual completed her undergraduate studies at the University of San Francisco and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She received her bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 2000. Upon graduating, she began her state career with the Department of Human Services' Child Welfare Services Branch. Stacie initially started as a case manager and then took a position as an investigator. Stacie was an investigator for the department for five years before taking on a new challenge in 2006 at the CWS hotline. Stacie dedicated 10 years to the hotline before being promoted to the Program Development Office as an Assistant Program Administrator. Her program areas include Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), Child Death, Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA), Fingerprinting, and Criminal History. Stacie serves as Deputy Compact Administrator for Hawai'i's ICPC and as Child Welfare Services Family Court Liaison.

VENUS KAU'IOKAWEKIU ROSETE-MEDEIROS

Venus is the Chief Executive Officer of Hale Kipa, Inc., a multi-service, fully accredited 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that specializes in working with youth who have been historically oppressed and marginalized. Venus has spent over 35 years serving Hawai'i's children, youth, and families. Her background extends from working with community-based organizations, private and public-school systems, state prison system, public housing, and community grassroots initiatives. Venus has developed several culturally relevant curriculum and programs for youth and families statewide and coordinated several community-building projects on Maui.

Venus was born and raised on Maui and is a proud graduate of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama on O'ahu. She earned her BA in Communication Studies and MA in Public Administration, but her most important knowledge comes from her life experiences. She is married and has 6 children ages 21 to 32. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and volunteering for community events.

THERESA SANCHEZ

Theresa Sanchez is the Educational Specialist for Transitions in College & Career Counseling and Foster Care Educational Stability in the Hawai'i Department of Education's Office of Student Support Services. Before coming to the State office two years ago, she served 20 years in several positions as an English teacher, school counselor, and new teacher mentor at Wai'anae High School and two years as a school counselor at Leilehua High School. She is a proud Hawaii public school graduate from Waimea High School and a University of Hawai'i at Mānoa alum.

LAURIE ARIAL TOCHIKI

Laurie Ariel Tochiki is the Executive Director of EPIC 'Ohana, a nonprofit organization serving families, children and youth in the child welfare system. EPIC is the backbone organization for a network of agencies and foundations called Nā Kama a Hāloa, which seeks to improve outcomes for native Hawaiian children touched by the child welfare system.

From 1999 to 2011, Laurie served as Associate Dean for Student Services at the William S. Richardson School of Law. She was a member of the 5th graduating class of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i. In 2021 she was awarded the Casey Excellence for Children Award for Leadership from Casey Family Programs. She is a co-founder of the Kids First program at the First Circuit's Family Court, and the family group decision making process called "'Ohana Conferencing." In 2022 Laurie was appointed to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

ERIN TORRES

Erin Torres received her Juris Doctor degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 2006. She has been a Deputy Attorney General in the Family Law Division (FLD) for nearly 15 years, advising and representing state agencies in many different Family Court matters including child protection, adoption, minor guardianship, juvenile

offender, truancy, adult protection, adult guardianship, and involuntary hospitalization cases. Erin has been a co-lead deputy in the FLD since 2016.

IAN TSUDA

Ian Tsuda received his Juris Doctor degree in 2013 from the University of Oregon School of Law. He has been a Deputy Attorney General with the Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii, for the past 8 years. Ian currently serves as a co-lead deputy of the Family Law Division (FLD), providing advice and counsel to State agencies in family court matters involving child welfare, adult protection, juvenile delinquency, adult guardianship, and involuntary hospitalizations.

DELIA ULIMA

Delia Ulima is a Statewide Initiative Coordinator for the Hawai'i 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.

CHERYL YAMAKI

Cheryl Yamaki was licensed to practice law in 1998 and has worked at Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline (now known as domestic violence action center), Legal Aid of Hawaii, and the Prosecutor's Office. For the last five years or so she has been doing court appointed work as parent counsel.