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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education:

Masters in Urban and Regional Planning (2011)

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Social Sciences

Concentrations: Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance

Thesis: "From Hazard Mitigation to Coastal Adaptation and Resilience: Historical Lessons from Hilo, Hawai'i after the 1960 Pacific-Wide Tsunami"

Practicum: "Homeless in Waikīkī"

Advisor: Dr. Karl Kim

Juris Doctor with Certificate in Environmental Law (2006)

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, William S. Richardson School of Law

2004 Summer Research Assistant to Professor Eric Yamamoto: "White (House) Lies: Why the Public Must Compel the Courts to hold the President Accountable for National Security Abuses" *Duke University Journal of Law and Contemporary Problems (cited as 68 Law & Contemp. Probs. 285)*

Bachelor of Science in Geology and Geophysics with Honors

Minor in Political Science (2003)

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST)

Areas of Study: Mass-wasting, slope failures and tectonics

Honors Thesis: "Assessing Current Hawai'i Regulations and Governmental Responses Toward Mitigating Hazards Associated with Geological Mass-Wasting Events"

Advisor: Dr. Stephen Martel

Professional Licenses/Certificates:

Licensed to practice law before all Hawai'i State Courts (JD8559) (Inactive)

Licensed to practice law before United States District Court District of Hawai'i

American Water Works Association Public Officials Certificate

Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division Certificate of Training

Present Positions:

Director, Department of Planning, County of Kaua'i (2010-present)

- Direct operational responsibility of 35-person department and \$1.4M operating budget
- Implementation of County's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance
- Regulatory permitting pursuant to State Land Use Law and Coastal Zone Management Act
- Long range-general plan development

Member, County of Kaua'i Board of Water Supply (2010-present)

- Policy board responsible for governance of semi-autonomous County water system
- Chair, Rules Committee

Prior Experience:

Deputy County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Kaua'i (2009-2010)

- Deputy assigned to the Planning and Public Works Departments; Planning Commission
- Settled Federal criminal lawsuit against County with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning alleged Endangered Species Act violations.
- Administrative contested case litigation concerning expansion at the Kekaha Landfill
- Administered County response to FEMA Flood Management Program audit of County program

Member, University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (2005-2013)

- Fifteen (15) person governing board charged with policy governance and operational oversight of \$1.3B public system of higher education
- Chair, Regents' Committee on Student Affairs
- Vice-Chair, Regents' Committee on Academic Affairs
- Vice-Chair, Regents' Committee on Planning and Facilities

Law Clerk, Chambers of Chief Judge Hon. Randal G.B. Valenciano, Fifth Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i (2008-2009)

Land Use Planner, PBR Hawai'i and Associates, Inc. (2007-2008)

- Drafted and managed zoning applications for private parties and governmental agencies.
- Produced HRS 343 compliance documents for private parties and governmental agencies.

- Responsible for creating community and regional plans for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and organized and conducted community meetings with various constituency groups

Legislative Advisor, Hawai'i State House of Representatives, Representative Maile Shimabukuro (2006-2007)

- Managed representative's housing and zoning legislation including adjustments to HRS 343 regulations for expediting affordable housing projects

Legislative Staff, Hawai'i State Senate, Senate President Robert Bunda (2004-2005)

- Managed Senate President's public outreach, community relations and legislation regarding disaster warning systems in Haleiwa and Waialua for a potential breach of the Wilson Reservoir.

Presentations:

"Scars From the Transient Vacation Rental Battle Field" Hawai'i Municipal Lawyers Conference September 2009

"Assessing Current Hawai'i Regulations and Governmental Responses Toward Mitigating Hazards Associated with Geological Mass-Wasting Events" University of Hawai'i Honors Symposium Spring 2003

Awards and Honors:

Hawaii Business News 20 for next 20 Class of 2016

Delegate, Republic of the Philippines Filipino-American Young Leaders Program (FYLPro) 2014

Pacific Business News 40 Under 40 Class of 2012

Fellow, Pacific Century Fellows Program Class of 2012 (elected Class Leader)

Professional Achievement Award, Kaua'i Filipino Chamber of Commerce (2011)

Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity

Cades Schutte Scholar, William S. Richardson School of Law (2003-2006)

Student Leadership and Service Distinction, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (2003)

Honors Student of the Year, Honors Program, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (2003)

Student Body President, Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (2002-2003)

Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa – SOEST (2002-2003)

Community Involvement:

Board Member, Hawai'i Pacific Health – Wilcox Health Foundation

Board Member, Waipā Foundation

Volunteer Legal Counsel, Kaua'i Filipino Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer Legal Counsel and Incorporator, Kaua'i Philippine Cultural Center

Volunteer Legal Counsel, Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce

Board Member, Sariling Gawa Youth Council, Inc.

Professional Memberships:

Hawai'i State Bar Association

American Planning Association

American Water Works Association