



BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIOS 2023-2024

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Shaunda A.K. Liu Makaimoku (President) is the Associate Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. She serves as investigator of complaints of discrimination that are alleged to violate the university's policies on discrimination as well as ADA coordinator for employees requesting reasonable accommodations due to a disability. Prior to working for UH-Hilo, Shaunda was a solo practitioner at the Law Office of Shaunda A. K. Liu, LLLC, where the focus of her practice was on cases in the child welfare system. Shaunda was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from 2004 to 2017 for the Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, where she worked in the District/Family, Screening, and Circuit Court units. From 2003 to 2004, she served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Greg K. Nakamura. Shaunda is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools, holds a B.S. in Sociology and Economics from Santa Clara University and a J.D. from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law. She was appointed as the Chair of Hawai'i Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for 2022-2026. She also serves on the board of directors for the YWCA of Hawai'i Island and the Hawai'i County Bar Association. Shaunda and her husband have twin daughters and a son.

Sandra "Sandy" Tokuke (Vice President) was born and raised in Paukaa, right outside Hilo, Hawai'i. A proud graduate of Hilo High School, she went on to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo before transferring to University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to earn her B.A. in Education in 1973. Having graduated at a time when teaching positions were scarce, Sandy instead entered the world of business and finance. She is a Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager at Merrill Lynch, where her background in education is constantly utilized as she learns about and helps clients manage their wealth and achieve their financial goals. She is married to Dale Tokuke, now enjoying retired life from his family business, Paul's Enterprises, Ltd., and she has one grown daughter, Erin. Sandy and Dale both believe in doing what they can to help the community in which they live. She previously served as the Vice President of the UH Hilo Alumni & Friends Association and currently serves as the Chairperson of the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee and on the board of directors of the YWCA of Hawai'i Island and the Aloha Exchange Club of East Hawai'i.

James "Jimi" Kunimura (Treasurer) was born and raised in Hilo, Hawai'i and is a Hilo High School graduate. From Oregon State University, he holds a B.S. in Business Administration emphasizing in management information systems and a minor in sociology. From Willamette University in Oregon, he holds an M.B.A. specializing in marketing and international business and a J.D. with an emphasis in business and international law. After residing in Oregon for over 12 years, Jimi moved back to Hilo to begin his career as an attorney and be with his family. He currently works for Nakamoto, Okamoto & Yamamoto AAL, ALC as a partner specializing in business, real estate law, and estate planning. Jimi serves on the board of directors of the Hawai'i County Bar Association. His interests outside of his professional career include spending time with his family, camping, spearfishing, and archery hunting with his father and friends.

Rebecca Choi (Secretary) was born in South Korea and grew up in Southern California. After receiving a B.A. in Political Economy from Princeton University, she worked in investment banking and private equity in New York and San Francisco. She and her husband moved to Hilo in 2006. Since then, Rebecca operated a local restaurant, ran a graduate university, led a non-profit that provided entrepreneurship training to people with criminal histories, and volunteered with a variety of community organizations. She is currently the Vice President of Finance and Strategy at CU Hawaii and co-founder of Wailoa Ventures. Rebecca cares deeply about empowering people through education and economic opportunities as well as celebrating diversity and strengthening connections in our community. In her free time, Rebecca enjoys reading, swimming, feeding people, and having dance parties with her daughters.

Haidee Abe (Director) is the Chief Financial Officer for W.H. Shipman Limited, a real estate holding company established since 1882. W.H. Shipman is one of the largest real estate holding companies in Hawai'i with a long history of community involvement. Haidee brings managerial, administrative and financial expertise with over two decades of experience as Vice President and Trustee of D. Buyers Enterprises and Assistant Vice President & Team Leader at First Hawaiian Bank. She currently serves as Vice Chair of Hawai'i Island Community Health Center and has served on numerous community boards, including as Chair of Bay Clinic, Inc., President of The Food Basket, Treasurer of Hawai'i Care Choices, and Treasurer of the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. Eric S. Anderson (Director) has served as Pastor of Church of the Holy Cross United Church of Christ (UCC) since 2016. A native of Rockville, Connecticut, he is a graduate of Rockville High School, Cornell University (A.B. in Theatre Arts), and Andover Newton Theological School (M.Div.). Ordained in 1988, Eric has served churches in Maine and Connecticut. Prior to being called to Hilo, he spent 17 years on the staff of the Connecticut Conference UCC in communications and technology, honing his skills in writing, editing, photography, and video production. Eric joined the Steering Committee of Interfaith Communities in Action (ICIA) in Hilo just in time to help share information within the interfaith hui as it responded to the 2018 Puna eruption. In 2020 he was elected Chair of the Conference Council, the governing board of the Hawai'i Conference UCC. A singer/songwriter, Eric has performed in Hilo both solo and in the folk/acoustic duo Boys in Hats.

Julie Hugo (Director) is a REALTOR® who is currently Broker in Charge for Venture Sotheby's International Realty - Hilo Office. Julie was previously Vice President, Sales for Clark Realty. She spent about a dozen years in project management and marketing for resort developments on both Hawai'i Island and Moloka'i. With over 30 years of active participation in community organizations under her belt, Julie has served as President of the YWCA of Hawai'i Island, Habitat For Humanity Hilo, Hilo Toastmasters Club, and Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. She currently chairs the board of directors of Hawai'i Information Service, the MLS owned by Hawai'i Island REALTORS® and Kauai Board of REALTORS®. Julie is also a director on the Hawai'i County Water Board.

Ha'aheo "Ha'a" M. Kaho'ohalahala (Director) was born and raised on the island of Lāna'i and is a proud graduate of Lahainaluna High School where she attended as a boarder. She received a B.A. in Communications from California State University, Long Beach, her M.A. in Communications from Hawai'i Pacific University, and her J.D. from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, with a certificate in Native Hawaiian Rights and Environmental Law. Ha'a currently works as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the County of Hawai'i and is the Supervisor of the specialized, vertical Sexual Assault Unit. She also works closely with several agencies to provide a trauma informed and victim centered approach to responding to crimes in order to improve the safety of victims and the community. Prior to moving to Hawai'i Island, Ha'a clerked for the Honorable Dexter D. Del Rosario at the First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i, and also worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the City and County of Honolulu. She serves on the board of directors of the Native Hawaiian Bar Association and the Government Lawyers Section, ad hoc East Hawai'i. She also enjoys traveling and being outdoors, especially at the beach.

Kimberly "Kim" Lin (Director & Assistant Secretary), a native of Papaikou, Hawai'i, holds a B.A. in Japanese Studies from University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Kim is an experienced Program Manager at the non-profit Community First Hawai'i, where she oversees initiatives aimed at high need, high cost patients, and coordinates grassroots activities related to 'Own Your Health' campaigns. Additionally, she contributes to strategic planning by assessing program performance, preparing reports, and assisting in grant writing. Previously, Kim has worked as an optometrist assistant, family caregiver, HR and staffing coordinator, and administrative coordinator. She currently serves on the board of directors of the Hawai'i State Rural Health Association as the Hawai'i Island Rural Health Associate. In her leisure time, Kim enjoys yoga, travel, and spending time with her family.

Cathy M. Lowder, ACSW (Director & Assistant Treasurer) arrived in Hawai'i with Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) assigned to the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. She continued community youth outreach work under Moiliili Community Center and then moved to the Hawai'i State Judiciary, where she worked for 35 years as a social worker. At the Judiciary, Cathy held various positions including Probation Officer,

Program Director for the East Hawai'i Children's Advocacy Center (now Children's Justice Center of East Hawai'i), and Public Guardian. She has served on several non-profit boards including The Arc of Hilo and forming the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawai'i in the 1980s. Cathy has also been active in environmental organizations, enjoying hiking and learning about our endangered flora and fauna. She is on the Endowment Committee of the Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge and has been a professionally trained volunteer mediator with Ku'ikahi, as she knows how important and empowering mediation is in helping people reach their own resolutions. As an active retiree, Cathy continues to volunteer and travel when she can.

Cheryl Matsumura (Director & Immediate Past President) currently serves as President of American Trading Co. She has over 20 years of experience in investment management and was most recently a Vice President at Goldman Sachs in the Investment Management Division. During her 17 years with Goldman Sachs, Cheryl worked with private clients, foundations, and endowments while serving as her team's chief of staff. She focused on team operations and management, portfolio management, and the implementation of compliance and regulatory requirements. Cheryl was born and raised in Hilo, Hawai'i, and in 2018 relocated back to raise her family and be closer to her parents. She is focused on reconnecting and engaging with the community and currently serves on the board of Vibrant Hawaii. Cheryl can often be found on the bayfront soccer fields cheering on her two sons or in Hilo bay learning to sail. She enjoys traveling the world with her husband, a pilot with Hawaiian Airlines, and experiencing new cultures and regional cuisine.

Jessica "Jaycee" Uchida (Director) was born in Honolulu, Hawai'i and grew up in Moanalua Gardens. She was homeschooled from K-12 by her parents and received her B.A. in International Relations with a minor in British Literature from International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. After living in Tokyo for 4 years, Jaycee moved back to Honolulu to attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, where she received her J.D. in 2016. Jaycee served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Colette Y. Garibaldi (ret.) on O'ahu prior to moving to Hawai'i Island in 2017, where she served as Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Greg K. Nakamura (ret.). Since 2018, she works as a Senior Staff Attorney at Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i and practices primarily in family law and child welfare proceedings. Jaycee is also passionate about engaging in community education and outreach through Legal Aid and beyond with the goal of empowering individuals to make educated, intentional choices for themselves and their families. She enjoys hiking at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, going to the beach, and spending time with her family.

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Andrew "Andy" P. Wilson (Director Emeritus) was born and raised in Hilo, Hawai'i. He holds a J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law and a B.S. in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo. He has served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Hawai'i and was one of the founding partners of the law firm Roehrig, Roehrig & Wilson. Andy obtained his initial mediation training at the Mediation Center of the Pacific on O'ahu, and completed an advanced mediation course at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law in California. He has been a CAAP (Court Annexed Arbitration Program) arbitrator since 1987, a selected neutral arbitrator, a mediator for the Hawai'i Appellate Mediation Program, and a member of Dispute Prevention & Resolution, Inc. in Honolulu. Andy served on the board of the Hawai'i State Bar Association, and has held numerous offices for the Hawai'i County Bar Association, including President. He completed three years of Hawaiian language classes at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and has been involved in community organizations, including on the board of directors of the Mediation Centers of Hawaii, the Hilo Lagoon Centre Association of Apartment Owners, and Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Public Charter School. Andy also served as a Trustee for Lyman Museum and volunteer judge for the YWCA's Hawai'i Island Teen Court. He is a retired Per Diem Judge in the District and Family Courts of the Third Circuit.

Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter (Director Emeritus) was born and raised in Hilo, Hawai'i. She received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and her J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law. Jennifer is the Director of Government and Community Relations at Hawaiian Electric. Previously, she worked as an

associate attorney for the law firm of Torkildson, Katz, Moore, Hetherington & Harris. Jennifer serves on the board of directors of HFS Federal Credit Union, Nā Leo O Hawai'i Community Television, Hawaii Health Systems East Hawaii Region, Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, and Vibrant Hawai'i. She serves as a CAAP (Court Annexed Arbitration Program) arbitrator and is a volunteer at the legal Self-Help Center at the Hilo Judiciary Complex.