WILLIAM B. HEFLIN

Wiliam B. Heflin was born at Womack Army Hospital, son of Sgt. Maj. Richard Heflin and Catherine Miyamoto Heflin and brother of Audrey Heflin Burke. An Army Brat, he later served in the US Army Reserve and graduated from Moanalua High School, Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, and William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. He is married to Yumiko Kawabe Heflin.

William clerked for the Honorable Riki May Amano at the Third Circuit Court and the Honorable Alexa D.M. Fujise at the Intermediate Court of Appeals. He served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney under Jay Kimura, where he was mentored and supervised by Kevin Hashizaki. He later became an associate at Crudele & De Lima, where Brian De Lima, Robert Crudele, and Gwen Abadilla mentored him. William was also an associate at the Law Office of Ian Mattoch, where Ian Mattoch, Bruce Larson, and Christine Keuma mentored him. He has been a partner with Francis R. Alcain at Alcain Naniole & Heflin LLLC since 2018, where his practice focuses on criminal defense and family law.

William has served as Secretary, Vice-President, and President of Hawai‘i County Bar Association; board member for Children’s Law Project of Hawai‘i; and volunteer and Managing Attorney for Hilo Self-Help Center, for which he was honored by Governor David Ige in 2019. William has served on various Third Circuit Court committees, including the Bench-Bar Conferences. He has volunteered as Third Circuit Court Foreclosure Mediation Project Mediator; Mentor to Waiakea, Honoka‘a, and Kamehameha High School Students; Legal Clinic Volunteer for Hurricane Iselle and Kilauea eruptions; Court Annexed Arbitration Program arbitrator; Law Day volunteer; Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center mediator; and for Volunteer Legal Services of Hawai‘i, Courts in the Community, and Shoplifter’s Take Everyone’s Money Program; among others.

In his free time, he enjoys reading, watching old movies, walking his dogs with his wife, and running (very slowly). William thanks his wife, parents, and sister for all their love and support and his past judges, mentors, and current legal partner for all their support and education over the years.