

Judge Victoria S. Marks (Ret.)

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MEDIATOR/ARBITRATOR/NEUTRAL (Nov. 2009 – present)

Mediates and arbitrates sophisticated disputes, including personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful termination, sexual harassment, real estate disputes, condominium disputes, commercial matters, construction defects, trust & estate disputes, elder issues and divorce. Also investigates workplace issues. Panel member for: Dispute Prevention & Resolution, Inc. (DPR).

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i (May 1994 - Oct. 2009)

Civil Trial Judge - Civil (6/03 – 10/09)

Involved in all phases of civil cases. Typical cases included medical malpractice, legal malpractice, construction, wrongful termination, sexual harassment, real estate, corporations and personal injury.

Pilot Project: Mixed Civil & Criminal (10/99 - 6/03)

Assigned to a Pilot Project handling all phases of both civil and felony criminal cases on an Individual Calendar. Typical cases included medical malpractice, legal malpractice, construction, wrongful termination, personal injury, murder, sexual assault and drug offenses.

Administrative Judge - Criminal Division (11/95 - 9/99)

Primarily responsible for managing and overseeing the felony criminal calendar for Honolulu (up to 3,500 cases per year). Other significant responsibilities included: handling arraignment and plea & motions calendars; overseeing grand jury operations; analyzing judicial workload and case tracking; supervising seven master calendar and four individual calendar trial judges and support staff; and acting as the Judiciary's liaison to state/city prosecuting agencies, defense bar, police, law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, and the public on criminal justice issues.

Trial Judge - Criminal Division (5/94 - 11/95)

Judge in a master calendar system handling felony and misdemeanor criminal charges, including murders, sex assaults, white-collar crime and drug offenses.

Family Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i

Lead Judge, Domestic Division (4/93 - 3/94; 5/91 - 1/92)

Responsible for the domestic relations calendar in Honolulu (over 5,000 yearly filings). Supervised three judges. Worked on the "Kids First" program.

Lead Judge, Juvenile Division (5/92 - 4/93)

Responsible for juvenile delinquency, child abuse & neglect and adoption calendars. Chaired the "Families Together Initiative" for the State of Hawai'i.

Per Diem Judge (9/88 - 2/91)

AWARDS

Super Lawyers 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012
Best Lawyers in America, 2013 and 2012 – Arbitration and Mediation
Honolulu Lawyer of the Year in Arbitration – Best Lawyers in America 2012
Top 500 Judges in the United States - Lawdragon 2006
Hawai'i Jurist of the Year - 2003
Distinguished Service Award, Hawai'i Joint Police Association, 2003

APPOINTMENTS

Ethics Commission, City & County of Honolulu, Jan. 2015– present; Chair 2016 - December 2020.

Chair, Hawaii 2011 Reapportionment Commission, 5/11 – 5/12

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i
Lecturer (Fall 2010 – Spring 2011)
Taught Professional Responsibility

University of Hawai'i, School of Public Health
Associate Clinical Professor (1996 - 1999)
Assistant Clinical Professor (1992 - 1996)
Lectured on domestic violence and child abuse & neglect.

University of Hawai'i, School of Social Work, Guest Lecturer

Brigham Young University - Hawai'i, School of Education, Guest Lecturer

Hawai'i Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Panel Member

Pacific Law Institute, Panel Member

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Judicature Society (Board member)
Mediation Center of the Pacific (former Board member)
Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation (former Board member; co-chair fundraiser 2010 & 2011)
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii (former Board member)
Hawaii Soccer Association (former Board member)
Hawaii Women Lawyers
Hawai'i State Trial Judges Association (Vice President, 1994; retired 10/09)
American Association for Justice (former Judicial member)
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (former member)
Family Law Section, Hawaii State Bar Association (former member)
Child and Parents Advocates, Hawaii State Bar Association (former member)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- American Judicature Society
Board of Directors, 12/05 – present
- Mediation Center of the Pacific
Board of Directors, 1/08 – 6/16
- Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation
Board of Directors, 07/09 - 2015
- United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii
Board of Directors, 11/08 – 9/19
- Hawaii Soccer Association
Board of Directors, Secretary 2006 – 1/17

COMMITTEE SERVICE

- Standing Committee on the Rules of Evidence
Chair, 1/01 – 10/09
- Judicial Education Committee
Member, 1991- 10/09
Secretary, 1993
- Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, Retention and Accountability
American Judicature Society (Hawaii Chapter)
Co-Chair 4/09 – 2019
- Committee to Evaluate Hawai'i's Revised Code of Judicial Conduct
Member, 5/07 - 4/08
- Committee on the Judicial Selection System
American Judicature Society (Hawai'i Chapter)
Co-Chair 11/04 - 3/07
- Special Committee on Judicial Selection and Retention
American Judicature Society (Hawai'i Chapter)
Member, 7/02 - 3/03
- Attorneys and Judges Assistance Program
Board Member, 5/01 - 5/07
- Single-Tier Trial Court Committee
Member 2/01 – 10/09
- Executive Committee on Court Technology and Information Management
Member, 10/96 - 5/07

Bench/Bar Committee

Member, 1997 – 10/09

Achieving Court Excellence (ACE - Implementation of Judiciary Restructuring)

Member 1/99 - 9/99

Standing Committee on Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions

Member 11/95 - 10/01

Chair, 11/95 - 9/99

Plan Review Committee (Restructuring of the Judiciary)

Member 10/98 - 1/99

Committee to Review and Recommend Revisions to the Judicial Code of Conduct

Member 4/00 - 12/00

Intermediate Sanctions Steering Committee

Member 10/00 - 10/01

Governor's Committee on Crime

Judiciary's representative, 7/97 - 10/01

Special Committee on Judicial Performance Evaluation

American Judicature Society (Hawai'i Chapter)

Member 9/99 - 12/99

Hawaii State Bar Association Task Force on Public Protection

Member 9/99 - 12/99

Permanent Committee on Rules of Penal Procedure & Circuit Court Criminal Rules.

Chair, 11/95 - 9/99

Statewide Policy Advisory Committee

Member, 11/95 - 9/99

Circuit Court Operations Committee

Member, 11/95 - 9/99

Committee Regarding the Effective Use of Resources for the Disposition of Drug Offenses.

Member, 11/95 - 9/99

Committee to Evaluate the Current Master Calendaring System in the Civil Division, First Circuit Court

Member, 12/97 - 9/99

First Circuit Court Electronic Filing Committee

Member, 1997 - 9/99

Probation Committee

Member, 1996 - 9/99

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

RICO is responsible for bringing disciplinary proceedings against business licensees of the many professions and vocations licensed under Hawai'i law. RICO is also charged with enjoining unlicensed business activities.

Supervising Attorney (4/84 - 9/88)

Supervised eight attorneys and four clerical staff, while handling a full caseload.

Staff Attorney (11/82 - 4/84)

Tried a variety of disciplinary cases before an administrative hearings officer.

Respondents in these proceedings included physicians, real estate brokers, contractors and motor vehicle dealers.

David W. Hall, Attorney at Law, A Law Corporation

Associate Attorney (1980 - 1982)

Private law practice in the areas of personal injury, antitrust, construction, commercial and criminal matters. Served as a member of the Federal Public Defender panel.

Edmunds, Hall & Weinberg, Attorneys at Law, A Law Corporation

Associate Attorney (1980)

David L. Turk, Attorney at Law, A Law Corporation

Associate Attorney (1978 - 1980)

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati College of Law

Juris Doctor, 1977

National Moot Court Team

National Finalist

Lewis F. Powell Medallion for Excellence in Advocacy

Moot Court Co-Chairperson

Student Court Justice

Student Court Defense Counsel

Graduate Resident Advisor - women's dormitory

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

B.A. Music Education, 1974

President's List

Dean's List

Tuition scholarship (4 years)

Delta Omicron (honorary) scholarship (2 years)

Symphonic Band: clarinet soloist

Marching Band