

Biographies of the candidates in the election for the 2019 HSBA Board follow. Ballots will be distributed in early October, and election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting at the Bar Convention on November 2, 2018.

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



Karin L. Holma

Aloha! I am running for Vice President of the HSBA and ask for your support and vote.

I graduated from Willamette University College of Law and took the Oregon bar exam in 1989. I moved to Hawaii immediately after and worked at Liberty House for six months waiting to take the Hawaii bar exam. I was then extraordinarily fortunate enough to clerk for Associate Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon, who taught me much more than I learned in law school. In 1992, I joined Bays Deaver Hiatt Kawachika & Lezak as a litigation associate, where I still am today. I became a partner in 1999 and the managing partner in 2012. In addition to practicing law and managing the firm, I have served on the HSBA's board of directors for three terms, including the last two years as treasurer. I am also a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, including serving on its board of directors. I enjoy cooking (and eating), and organizing a household of one wonderful husband, four dogs and three cats.

The mission of the HSBA is to "unite and inspire Hawaii's lawyers to promote justice, serve the public and improve the legal profession." Consistent with this, I have three goals if elected. First, to help younger lawyers find satisfaction as members of the HSBA and Hawaii's legal community. Younger lawyers sometimes find themselves "overworked and underpaid" and not finding gratification in the profession for which they went to law school. I would like to inspire Hawaii's younger lawyers to continue to be in and make the legal profession a great one.

Second, I wish to continue the strong relationship with and the HSBA's support of the Judiciary. Hawaii's Judiciary is something that everyone in Hawaii should be extremely proud of. Hawaii's judges and their staffs are smart, work hard, and treat everyone fairly and with respect. Above all, they serve Hawaii with great integrity. The Judiciary deserves the HSBA's support.

Third, and finally, I wish to continue HSBA's long tradition of community service. As a board member, I have seen first-hand the generosity of HSBA members and the good causes for which they have contributed and worked. This year for example, members of the HSBA and HSBF board have been instrumental in contributing to the needs of people on Kauai and the Big Island and the challenges they have faced. Serving the public is part of the mission of the HSBA and something I feel strongly about.

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions – kholma@legalthawaii.com or 523-9000. I humbly ask for your support.



Jesse Souki

I support the mission of our Association, "to unite and inspire Hawaii's lawyers to promote justice, serve the public and improve the legal profession." The position that I would like your vote for is vice president. This position is a long-term commitment to lead the organization.

Under our Association's Constitution and Bylaws, the president elect becomes the president of the Association upon completion of his or her term as president-elect, and the vice president becomes the president-elect of the Association upon completion of his or her term as vice president. I commit to stay the course if elected.

I have actively participated in furthering our Association's mission, since joining the Association in 2004. As a co-chair for several years of the CLE committee, we worked hard to ensure that interesting and relevant courses provided by the Association were available and affordable. While serving in various positions, including chair and program chair of the Natural Resources Section, I worked with a team that brought together experts and practitioners to work through some of the most pressing issues affecting how we use and develop land in the State of Hawaii. I am fortunate to have been a member of the inaugural HSBA Leadership Institute in 2009, which provided lasting relationships with fellow Association members, and I strongly support this program for ushering in tomorrow's leaders in the practice.

My experience leading organizations will directly benefit the Association. I was appointed and served as the Director of the Office of State Planning, First Deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. In each of those positions, I left the organization better than I found it. I led teams in developing strategic initiatives and then implemented those initiatives, sometimes in the face of difficult and challenging circumstances, for the benefit of the community. In addition to working in the public sector, I have also practiced law in the private sector. My legal work has required advocacy before boards and commissions in all four counties and Hawaii's courts.

My interest and training in good governance and strategic planning will be an asset to our Association. Previous bar leadership has provided a solid framework upon which to improve the practice. If elected, I will work to further empower our members with support from the Association so that we can practice the law with integrity and competency for the benefit of the people and communities we serve.

My life experience provides perspective that can help advance our mission. As a kid who grew up on Maui, attended its public schools, and graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, I have met people from all walks of life and have an appreciation and understanding for how justice can sometimes fail those who need it most. Having lived and worked on Capitol Hill and then Seattle while in law school, and traveled to other parts of the world for work, I bring a broad perspective.

Thank you for your consideration.

TREASURER CANDIDATE



Paul Naso

My experience and communication skills suit me well for this position and will benefit the board and the membership. For 20+ years, I have worked as counsel in both transactional and litigation worlds. I previously worked with start-up companies in the textile industry. From 2008 to present, I have served as General

Counsel for HEMIC. I have been an active member of HSBA's committees, and for the past three years, worked with my fellow corporate and general counsel to reconstitute the Corporate Counsel Section of the bar. I love what I do and enjoy the challenge of solving problems together.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES: MAUI (continued)



Jacob Lowenthal

I was born and raised on Maui within the legal community. As the former MCBA President, I've lobbied on Maui attorneys' behalf to increase technological capabilities in the courthouse; maximize funding for Maui legal events such as CLEs and other social functions; and helped

administer the Maui Self Help Center which assists those in need of legal advice free of charge. As Director of Maui I can further my commitment to both HSBA and Maui attorneys to improve the Hawaii legal community. I am already very familiar with the position and understand the commitments involved. Vote for me!

SECRETARY CANDIDATE



Russ Awakuni

I manage the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Leeward Oahu and Windward Oahu offices, and received my law degree from Loyola Law School. I am the current Secretary to the HSBA Board of Directors. My time as an officer and a past director of that Board fuels my desire to give back to the

profession and to bring a non-profit attorney's perspective to policy choices, judicial nominee vetting, and operational decisions. I hope to continue to serve as Secretary of the Board.



Georgia McMillen

I seek election to the Board of Directors to continue improving HSBA's important services to the bar and the public, including educational programs to bar members and access to justice for the public. I have an appellate, family law and mediation practice. Past service includes: Board of Directors, HSBA; per diem

judge, District and Family Courts; Ninth Circuit Appellate Lawyer Representative; Native Hawaiian Bar, Board of Directors. I am a graduate of Kamehameha Schools, University of Hawai'i and New York Law School. I am admitted to practice law in Hawai'i, New York and New Jersey. Thanks for your consideration.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES: MAUI



Richard Gronna

I was admitted to the Hawaii State Bar in October 1990. Prior to that I had been admitted to the State Bar of California in 1984. I have been in private practice since 1984 in both California and Hawaii. After opening an office in Wailuku and slowly transitioning my practice from Oahu I would like to become involved

with a bar association activity and community service. I deem serving as the representative of Maui will provide that opportunity, and it will provide me with that opportunity to serve the attorneys on Maui and voice their concerns with the HSBA.



Keri Mehling

I am a managing member of McKeon Sheldon Mehling LLLC. I was admitted to the Hawaii State Bar in 2005 and the California State Bar in 1999. I am an active member of the HSBA and MCBA and have served as a director of MCBA. I have been active in volunteering with Courts in the Community, the Self Help Center, Junior Judges, Ainsley's Angels of Hawaii and the Hawaiian Canoe

Racing Association. My goal is to keep the MCBA members "in the know" as to the HSBA's and Judiciary's issues and serve as a liaison to represent Maui's interests.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATE: EAST HAWAII



Geraldine Hasegawa

Having served as an HSBA Director since 2003, I am familiar with the board's responsibilities and the difficult issues it faces. During my tenure as a director, I have coordinated various CLE programs and have consistently pushed for more outreach to the neighbor islands. In the past few years, the HSBA has increased

its webcasting seminars to the neighbor islands and has made changes to the Bar Convention schedule to accommodate neighbor island travel. I am committed to representing the needs and concerns of my East Hawaii constituents and would be honored to continue to serve as your representative.

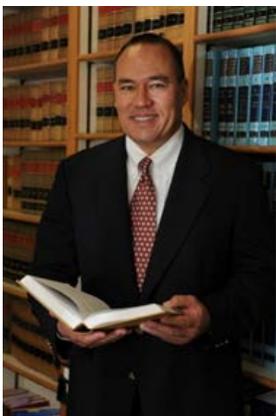
DIRECTOR CANDIDATES: OAHU



Steven Chow

Partner, The Pacific Law Group. Graduated William S. Richardson School of Law 1981; Adjunct Prof. William S. Richardson School of Law 1998-2004. Member: HSBA (Secretary 1995, Director 2001-present) and ABA. I will work to improve HSBA benefits, increase community education and insure the HSBA is responsive to its

membership. I have been the co-chair of the Judicial Administration Committee since 2012 which coordinates the annual Bench-Bar Conference and Forums that brings together members of the HSBA Bar and the judiciary to discuss topics and issues to help improve the judicial system.



Vladimir Devens

My goal while serving on the Board has been to make the HSBA more responsive to your needs. I served on the Judicial Administration committee, as a lead attorney in last year's Bench-Bar conference and co-chaired the CLE committee to see what changes could be made to make the practice less burdensome on you. Changes forthcoming to the court's electronic filing system were

discussed along with proposals to eliminate what many consider to be non-productive requirements during pre-trial, motions, and settlement conferences. If given the privilege to serve another term, I will continue to do my best for you.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES: OAHU (continued)



Rex Fujichaku

I am a director with Bronster Fujichaku Robbins and a member of the Hawaii bar since 1998. I have been an active member of the International Law Section, serving as its chair since 2008. I have also served on the Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services to the Public and have been a member of the Business

Law Section. I am running for the HSBA board in order to increase the private bar's participation in pro bono service, which I believe is a crucial component to ensuring access to justice for all.



Mark Gallagher

I have been a member of HSBA since 1993 and am a sole practitioner engaged in a litigation practice in Kailua. I am currently a member of the Attorney-Client Relations Committee and previously served as a member of HSBA's Board of Directors, Vice President and Treasurer of Hawaii Association for Justice and as a volunteer for VLSH. An active and

relevant bar requires engagement by numerous and diverse members. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve again.



William Harrison

As a 1981 graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law, I strive to give back to the community in diverse ways. I am a founding member and current lecturer and supervising attorney with the William S. Richardson School of Law, Hawai'i Innocence Project. I am a member of the Supreme Court Permanent Penal Rules Committee and

the HSBA Committee on Judicial Administration. Among other committees and commissions, I served as chairperson of the Hawai'i Judicial Selection Commission. I previously served as a HSBA Oahu Director from 2010-2012 and would humbly ask for your vote once again!

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES: OAHU (continued)



Erin Kobayashi

I am an attorney at Kleintop & Luria, LLP. I practice in the area of family law, including divorce and post-divorce matters, child custody and support, alimony, paternity, and temporary restraining orders. I currently serve as the Secretary of the HSBA's Family Law Section, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the HSBA's Child Law Section, and have been on the Hawai'i Women Lawyers' Board since 2012 (currently serving as

Treasurer). As a Director, I intend to support programs that encourage access to legal services to the community and expand and promote services to members.



Corianne Lau

I am a director and shareholder of the Dentons law firm, fka Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing. My practice focuses on employment law, government contracts, commercial disputes and administrative law. I am a former director of HSBA and co-chaired its CLE Committee. I am also a past President of HWL and

HWLF, and a former director of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i and the YWCA of O`ahu. I serve on the board of the East-West Center Foundation and the Friends of the Hawaii State Art Museum. I believe HSBA resources such as CLE, should be relevant and available to all attorneys.

Zale Okazaki

I am an attorney with Chong Nishimoto Sia Nakamura & Goya. My practice is in civil litigation and I have served one term as an HSBA board member. I am also a Commissioner on the Elections Commission, a board member of Hawaii Women Legal Foundation and Friends of the Family Specialty Courts. While I do not sit on an HSBA committee, I have been the chair for the annual fundraiser for a number of years. Donating to silent auction is fun as it provides me a legitimate reason for shopping. I humbly ask for your vote for a second term.