The HSBA Leadership Institute is designed to identify and develop leaders in various sectors of Hawaii’s legal community. The HSBA Leadership Institute seeks to achieve its goal by:

- Selecting lawyers who demonstrate promising leadership abilities,
- Exposing the Fellows to various aspects of the legal profession,
- Establishing networking relationships as a basis for future professional endeavors, and
- Introducing and equipping the Fellows with the tools needed to meet the challenges of being a lawyer and a leader.

“Participating in the HSBA Leadership Institute Fellowship Program has been instrumental in my personal and professional development. The program has well-designed workshops that assist Fellows with identifying and developing professional and leadership skills, and the workshops are facilitated by community leaders who candidly share their insights, expertise, and experiences. Most rewarding, however, was the opportunity to get to know my co-Fellows, who I now regularly rely on for counsel, friendship, and inspiration. I would highly encourage interested candidates to apply.” Catherine A. Taschner, 2016 Fellow

“However you choose to use your law degree, the HSBA Fellows program will give your career a boost by connecting you with top leaders in the profession.” Jesse Souki, 2009 Fellow

“The Leadership Institute’s well-planned program accords the Fellows – who bring with them a varied array of life and legal experiences – opportunities to learn valuable personal, interpersonal and career skills from proven leaders in the private and public sectors through panel presentations and group discussions. As a result, with each inducted class of Fellows, the Leadership Institute evolves exponentially as an ever-growing and diversified network of contacts, mentors, colleagues and most importantly, friends. As a Fellow, I learned skills which will be crucial to my future development as I undertake my newest and most exciting position as partner at Coates Frey Tanimoto & Gibson, AAL, LLC.” Tom S. Tanimoto, 2018 Fellow

“The HSBA Leadership Institute program allowed me to learn from and interact with effective current and future leaders in our community – an opportunity that should not be passed up on.” Caryn H. Okinaga, 2011 Fellow

“From the inaugural class of 2009, many Fellows have gone on to become judges, State directors, law firm partners, in-house counsel, etc. A few brave Fellows even opened their own practice. It won’t be long before we see a bar president who got his/her start at the Leadership Institute!” Jane Kwan, 2009 Fellow

“Coming from a criminal law background I had little to no interaction with anyone outside of the criminal law realm. LI introduced me to community leaders in both legal and non-legal settings. Aside from the networking opportunities, LI also helped instill the tools to be a better leader. When I was a Fellow, I was the Vice-President of the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association and projected President of the organization. The LI sessions gave me a better understanding of what truly makes a leader. We heard from leaders in the community on what leadership meant to them and what strategies they employ when leading some of the most influential companies in Hawai’i. All of these lessons I learned as a Fellow now help me as I navigate my way as President of HFLA.” Jessica R. Domingo, 2016 Fellow

“Participating in the HSBA Leadership Institute program opens a door to meet esteemed judges, lawyers and critical players in the legal community and learn their viewpoints and tips for success. It is one of the best opportunities a lawyer may have in his or her legal career.” Shannon Sheldon, 2011 Fellow

“Just this week a high school junior aspiring to become an attorney interviewed me on her career day. She asked, “What role does the law play in servant leadership?” What always resonated with me were words and stories and feelings of the powerful speakers and leader that the Leadership Institute offered. Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald spoke of how every morning he proudly put on his Judiciary Badge employee Number ##### to get ready to go to work to serve the people. Retired Judge Riki May Amano spoke about integrity and your reputation. Through the Leadership Institute, leaders speaking to future leaders help create servant leaders in our practice of law.” Darien W.L.C. Nagata 2011 Fellow
Friday, May 15, 2020  
Orientation/Meet the Bar/Principles of Leadership  
Facilitators: Shawn Benton and Karin Holma with Chenise Iwamasa and Judge Riki May Amano (ret)

Friday, June 12, 2020  
Community Leadership  
Facilitators: Lyn Flanigan and Craig Wagnild

Friday, July 17, 2020  
We the People  
Facilitator: Mayor Kirk Caldwell

Friday, August 21, 2020  
Doing the Right Thing  
Facilitator: Carol Muranaka and Nicole Altman

Friday, September 11, 2020  
Meet the Bench  
Facilitators: Judge Riki May Amano (ret) and Gemma-Rose Poland Soon

Friday, October 9, 2020  
Equal Justice for All  
Facilitators: Jill Hasegawa and Regan Iwao

Friday, November 13, 2020  
Corporate Hawaii  
Facilitators: Louise Ing and Mei-Fei Kuo

Wednesday, December 11, 2020  
Digesting Leadership  
Facilitators: Judge Riki May Amano (ret) and Chenise Iwamasa

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