

CLARE HANUSZ

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SKILLS SUMMARY

- Juris Doctor Degree, 1999
- Admission to Hawaii State Bar, 1999
- Management of busy office with high diversity of responsibilities, needs, constituencies
- Legal and other professional experience in a variety of settings, including private business, state and federal government, state and federal law makers, social service agencies and non-profit organizations
- Counseling of clients and law student interns
- Supervision of staff and interns
- Media and public relations

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Calm, clear and creative thinking in crisis situations
- Excellent listener
- Effective, persuasive communicator in a variety of contexts and mediums
- Able to quickly convert from conceptual to detailed thinking
- Strong interpersonal and networking skills

EDUCATION

University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law

Honolulu, HI, 1996-1999

- J.D., May 1999
- Honors: Alumni Golf Tournament Award Recipient for Commitment to Public Interest Law, 1998; Advocates for Public Interest Law Summer Grant Recipient, 1998; National Lawyers Guild Summer Project Grant Award Recipient, 1997; Jacob Peace Memorial Award, 1997

Ohio University, Honors Tutorial College

Athens, OH, 1988-1991

- B.A., Political Science, *summa cum laude*, 1991
- Honors: Aichinger Award, Outstanding Political Science Student, 1991

Loyola University of Chicago

Chicago, IL, 1986-1987

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aloha Immigration

Founder / Attorney

Honolulu, HI, June 2017 – present

Founded new practice focusing on immigration and naturalization.

Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert

Of Counsel

Honolulu, HI, October 2012 – June 2017

Represented individuals and corporations before various U.S. federal agencies; Served as elected Hawaii Chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Law Office of Clare Hanusz, LLC

Founder and Managing Partner

Honolulu, HI, February 2002 – October 2012

Founded and managed high-volume law office concentrated in the area of immigration and civil rights law, including supervision of staff and law students.

Hawaii Civil Rights Commission

Project Coordinator

Honolulu, HI, February 2003 – September 2004

Coordinated state-wide fair-housing public education campaign targeting immigrant communities; Organized trainings for service providers; Managed project budget.

Lynch Ichida Thompson & Kim

Associate Attorney

Honolulu, HI, January 2001 – August 2001

Represented clients before the Immigration Court, Immigration and Naturalization Service and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Na Loio Immigrant Rights & Public Interest Legal Center

Staff Attorney

Honolulu, HI, September 1999 – December 2000

Represented clients in removal proceedings in Immigration Court; Supervised student volunteers; Developed, coordinated and implemented neighbor island outreach project.

U.S. District Court, District of Hawai`i

Law Student Extern for Magistrate Judge Barry M. Kurren

Honolulu, HI, August 1998 – December 1998

Drafted orders and assisted law clerk with research and writing.

Na Loio Immigrant Rights & Public Interest Legal Center

Law Clerk

Honolulu, HI, May 1998 – August 1998

Assisted attorneys in case preparation; Performed legal research and client interviews; Represented client in deportation proceedings.

Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project

Law Clerk

Florence, AZ, May 1997 – August 1997

Represented clients in Immigration Court for bond and merits hearings; Researched and wrote briefs and motions; Interviewed clients; Prepared applications for relief.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Amnesty International

Hawai'i Area Coordinator

Honolulu, HI, 1995-1998

Organized local university and community groups; served as liaison between local groups and regional office; presented programs on human rights to local schools and community groups; served as local group coordinator.

Salvation Army Family Treatment Services

Resident Counselor

Honolulu, HI, 1995-1996

Supervised women and children in residential drug rehabilitation program.

¡CAMBIO! Valley Religious Task Force on Central America

Director and Administrative Coordinator

Phoenix, AZ, 1992-1995

Lectured and organized programs on Latin America, human rights and immigration issues; wrote grants and reports; supervised interns and volunteers; produced and edited a bi-monthly newsletter; researched legislative issues.

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Parents for Public Schools- Hawaii, Member, Board of Directors, 2016-present;
- Hawai'i Coalition for Immigration Reform, Member, 2010-present;
- Hawai'i Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Member, 2008-2012;
- Guest speaker at the University of Hawai'i, East-West Center, and local and national panels on human trafficking, civil rights and immigration law;
- American Civil Liberties Union, partnered with local office on *pro-bono* civil rights cases, 2010-2012;
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Hawai'i Chapter, served on various committee positions, 2003-present;
- Hawai'i People's Fund, Board of Directors, 2001-2003;
- Advocates for Public Interest Law, Board of Directors, Honolulu, HI, 1999-2001;
- Na Loio - Immigrant Rights & Public Interest Legal Center, Board of Directors, Honolulu, HI, 1998-1999;
- National Lawyers Guild, University of Hawai'i Chapter Co-Coordinator, Honolulu, HI, 1996 - 1999.

AWARDS

- Think Tech Hawaii - Community Service Award, 2017
- Hawai'i Access To Justice Commission - Outstanding Pro Bono Volunteer Recognition, 2017

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Hear, here!" - Arcadia retirement community lecture series, 2/26/2018
- "Aloha without borders" (moderator) - ACLU Hawai'i Civil Liberties Symposium, 10/28/17
- "Immigration Law: Promises and Challenges for Marginalized Populations", Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity, 10/10/17
- "Aloha on the Frontlines: How Hawai'i is Leading the Charge for Immigrant Rights" - 10th Annual Peace Day Hawaii, 9/16/17
- "Interview" - Hawai'i Public Radio's The Conversation, 4/5/2017
- "Immigration Law 101" - Newman Center, 10/22/2015
- "Immigration Law 101" - National Federation of Paralegal Associations' Annual Convention, 10/8/2015
- "Immigration Law 101" - CLE presentation for the Hawaii State Bar Association, 7/6/2015