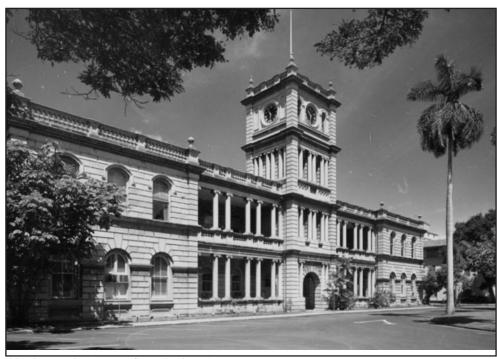
# King Kamehameha V **Judiciary History Center**

### **2014-2015 Annual Report**



Aliiolani Hale (Hawaii State Archives)

Mark E. Recktenwald CHIEF JUSTICE

December 2015

To the Honorable Members of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature:

I am pleased to submit the 2015 Annual Report of the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center (the Center) as required by chapter 6F of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

Since 1989, the Center has been steadfast in its efforts to educate the public about Hawaii's unique legal history and the judicial process in general. From its home at Ali'iōlani Hale, the Center uses its exhibits, archives, public program, school tours, mock trials, films, and publications to offer extensive learning opportunities for local residents and visitors from all over the world. This year, over 42,060 visitors took advantage of the Center's exhibits and education programs, including more than 16,500 students from schools and colleges throughout Hawai'i. Indeed, other states and foreign countries continue to view the Center as a model of judicial outreach.

We are excited about the success of our Courts in the Community program, under which Supreme Court arguments are periodically held in school settings. The program is part of the Judiciary's effort to educate students and the general public about the Judiciary's role in our government and its function in resolving disputes in a democratic society. Students participate in several civics-related lesson plans prepared by the Center prior to observing an official Supreme Court oral argument proceeding. Two arguments have been held this past year – one in April at the Kaua'i Community College Performing Arts Center in Lihue, which was attended by 320 students, and earlier this month at Waianae High School on Oahu, which had more than 300 students participate.

We thank you for your commitment to and support of this valuable educational institution. We would also like to encourage you, your constituents, and district schools to visit the Center to learn more about the exciting heritage of our branch of government.

Thank you for your steadfast support of the Center and its important work.

Sincerely,
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#### December 2015

To the Honorable Members of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature:

I am pleased to present the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center's annual report for FY2015. Established by statute in 1990 to educate the public about Hawaii's legal history and the judicial process, the Center provides civic educational activities and materials including tours of Ali'iōlani Hale and the First Circuit Court, public performances and lectures, statewide teacher workshops, curricula, publications, and films.

This year, the Center built on successes of the *Courts in the Community Program* to further awareness of the role of the Judiciary. Under the program, the Supreme Court convenes at schools to hear cases pending before the court. High school students learn about the case beforehand, and argue it themselves at their schools. Next, they attend the actual oral argument. During FY 2015, two Supreme Court hearings were conducted through the program, one on Oʻahu during the fall school semester, and a second on Kauaʻi in the spring. The general public and over 600 students attended the hearings.

Our flagship series of teacher workshops examined women's rights, voting rights, and the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. Three workshops were conducted for public and private school teachers from throughout the state. Evening programs highlighted a range of topics including federalism in Hawai'i, the Massie-Kahahawai cases, the founding brothers of Ashford and Ashford, and the Republic of Hawaii's trial of Queen Lili'uokalani on charges of misprision of treason. Lawyers Without Rights, the German Federal Bar's traveling exhibition depicting the Third Reich's treatment of Jewish attorneys, debuted in Honolulu at the Center, and then traveled to Kona and Hilo.

I extend my appreciation to each of you for your continued support of the Center. Your encouragement and participation in our programs strengthens our resolve to improve our democracy by learning from our past. Mahalo for your belief in our important mission.

Sincerely.

Matt Mattice Executive Director

#### King Kamehameha V

Lot Kapuāiwa, grandson of Kamehameha I, ascended the throne in 1863 and was the last Kamehameha to rule the Kingdom of Hawai'i. As a national leader, Lot made foreign relations and the preservation of independence his primary objectives.

His advocacy for Hawaiians inspired a cultural renaissance which included the revival of hula and chant and licensing of medical *kāhuna* to practice their healing arts. During his reign, Lot commissioned a number of public works including the construction of Ali'iōlani Hale.

In 2000, the Judiciary History Center was renamed to the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center in his honor.



#### History of Ali'iōlani Hale

Historic Ali'iōlani Hale provides the ideal environment for the Judiciary History Center. Initiated during the reign of Kamehameha V and completed during the reign of Kalākaua, Ali'iōlani Hale opened its doors in 1874. The Legislature and the Supreme Court of the Kingdom of Hawai'i were the original occupants of the building. After the overthrow of the Monarchy in 1893, the Legislature moved to 'Iolani Palace. Ali'iōlani Hale has remained the home of the Supreme Court for well over 100 years. The National Museum, the first museum in Hawai'i, opened in Ali'iōlani Hale in 1874. For many years, the National Museum occupied rooms on the second floor and welcomed visitors to view its fine collection of Hawaiian artifacts. In 1898, the Republic of Hawaii's government transferred ownership of the collection to the Bishop Museum.



The old Courthouse, located at the present site of Topa Financial Center, was the home of the judicial branch of the Kingdom until Aliiolani Hale opend in 1874. (Hawaii State Archives)



### Annual Report Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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# What people are saying about the Judiciary History Center

"Love the history of the island. Amazing stewardship of local history." *Visitor, Colorado* 

"Interesting history of the development of the judicial system in Hawai'i. Learned a lot. Very nice layout."

Visitor, Australia

"Thanks for the interesting and thought provoking history. Like to learn more about how traditional Hawaiian law influenced modern law to make it unique"

Visitor, Washington

"Awesome experience and one that I will never forget."

Visitor, Hawai'i

"As a trial lawyer, I am truly moved by what you have accomplished."

Visitor, Colorado

"Great exhibits depicting the various legislation. We loved it." *Visitor, Chile* 

"For someone from a country who was also under martial law, it is incredible to see an exhibit that made you go back in time. Very well done."

Resident, Philippines

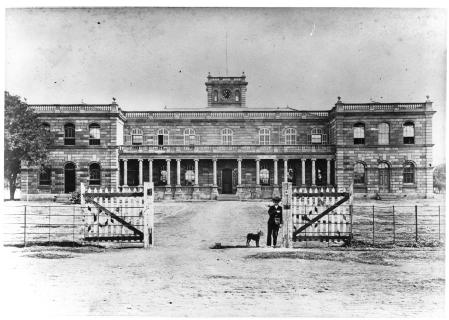
"First time touring and was amazed at the setting."

Visitor, Hawai'i

"Wonderful exbihit and theater. Thanks." *Visitor, California* 

"It's great to feel and touch other country's culture. Love and peace"

Visitor, Japan



Aliiolani Hale rear view, circa 1874 (Hawaii State Archives)

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## King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center

#### **Purpose**

The King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center (the Center) is a permanent educational institution created to inform and provide learning opportunities about the judicial process and Hawaii's legal history from pre-contact to present. The Center, an administrative program of the Hawai'i State Judiciary, conducts and encourages research, disseminates information, and collects, preserves and displays materials. Interpreting over 200 years of dynamic legal history through audio visual presentations, exhibitions, and public programs, the Center serves as a bridge between the Judiciary and the community.

#### Governance

Established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1990 through Act 211, the Center is governed by a five member executive board appointed by Hawaii's Chief Justice.

#### **Visitors**

Since opening to the public in September 1989, the Center has become a popular educational resource. This fiscal year the Center welcomed over 58,000 visitors, including more than 16,000 students.

#### **History**

The origins of the Center date back to the 1970s and the recommendations of a citizens committee advising Chief Justice William S. Richardson, on the renovation of Ali'iōlani Hale. The original idea was to develop an educational facility that would help citizens understand today's system of law by examining Hawaiian concepts of law and the development of Hawaii's judiciary. Given Ali'iōlani Hale's historic significance, the Center occupies a highly visible and ideal location in Honolulu's historic capitol district.

Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities to the Judiciary funded extensive research on Hawaii's court records. This research uncovered information used for the planning and development of the Center's permanent exhibits. Additional funding was provided by appropriations from the Hawai'i State Legislature, and contributions from the Friends of the Judiciary History Center.

Formal dedication and opening ceremonies for the Center were held on September 12, 1989, with a message from Governor John Waihe'e, and a blessing by Reverend Abraham Akaka.

#### Hours

The general public is welcome to take self-guided tours of the Center, located on the first floor of Ali'iōlani Hale, on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission fee. Visits by school and community groups with reservations are welcome on weekdays (excluding holidays).

#### Website

Visit the Judiciary History Center's website at www.jhchawaii.net for information concerning the Center's tours, curriculum, publications, volunteer program, and historic Ali'iōlani Hale.

### **Collections**



Three books related to the history of the Magna Carta were donated by UH Mānoa history professor Peter Hoffenberg. The books, Magna Carta, with Commentary by David Carpenter; Magna Carta, The Foundation of Freedom 1215 - 2015 by Nicholas Vincent; and Magna Carta: Law, Liberty, Legacy edited by Claire Breay, were published in 2015, commemorating the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.

A map painted by Edward Bailey of Maui was rematted for preservation. The map depicts the Wailuku River, water ditches or auwai, sugarplantings, sugar mill, roads, and the Bailey home. It was painted by Bailey to use in his courtroom defense against Wailuku Sugar in 1867. The map can be viewd in the Center's theater.

The Center completed archival documentation of a collection of Chief Justice Wilfred Tsukiyama's papers, donated in 2012. Chief Justice Tsukiyama began his legal career in the 1920s and later served in the Territorial Senate through the 1940s and 1950s as both the senate president and minority floor leader. He was the first chief justice of the 50th state of Hawai'i and the first Japanese-American head of a state Supreme Court. The collection of photographs, proclamations, legal opinions, speeches, and news articles from local and Japanese language newspapers contains professional as well as personal correspondence from business and legal associates and friends.

### **Exhibits**



The Monarchy Court Gallery documents the 19th century transition from Hawaiian *kapu* to a western judicial system. Featuring a detailed model of Honolulu in the 1850s and artifacts from the first courthouse building, this exhibit has become the focal point of learning for adults and students.

The 1913 Courtroom, equipped with authentic furnishings, artifacts, and reproductions, is used for mock trials, reenactments, lectures, and dramatic performances. Students gain hands-on experience in the courtroom, reenacting historical court cases.

Who's Who in the Courtroom, an exhibit in the 1913 courtroom, interprets the court process and the players in a courtroom. Designed to identify courtroom personnel and their roles in court proceedings, this interactive exhibit helps to educate visitors, especially students, about the trial process.

Ali'iōlani Hale, along the *makai* hall, traces the building's history through photographs, documents, and art work. The display also features the story of the Kamehameha Statue, a sentinel to Ali'iōlani Hale for over one hundred years.

Hawai'i Under Martial Law excites both school children and adults alike. Depicting the drastic changes caused by almost four years of martial law, the exhibit illustrates daily life in Hawai'i under military rule.

#### Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich - Traveling Exhibition

In January 2014, the Center hosted a traveling exhibition sponsored by the German Federal Bar Association and the American Bar Association. The 22-panel exhibition outlines the fates of individual Jewish lawyers, who were among the first to face persecution following the Weimar Republic's demise and Adolf Hitler's rise to power in the early 1930s. By March 1933, a decree was issued which refused all Jewish judges, public prosecutors, and lawyers access to the courts. The exhibition reflects a time in Germany when individual rights and the rule of law were utterly negleted and serves as a reminder of the dangers that exist when law is unjustly applied. Lawyers Without Rights debuted in Hawai'i at Ali'iōlani Hale. Following two weeks in Honolulu, the exhibition traveled to the Donkey Mill Art Center in Kailua-Kona and the Mookini Library at UH Hilo.

### **Films**

When Fear Reigned tells the true story of four children living in Hawai'i during martial law and the fragile nature of democracy in times of national crisis. Following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, fear of invasion, further attacks, and sabotage, prompted quick governmental decisions. On December 7, 1941 at 4:30 p.m., the Territorial Governor signed a proclamation declaring Martial Law. For the next three years, military rule replaced Hawaii's civilian government. Daily life changed drastically as the military reorganized the territory and enacted a number of new laws called General Orders. Civilian courts were replaced by military courts. With the help of our volunteer, Hirofumi Ito, we were able to add Japanese subtitles for visitors from Japan.

Law of the Land illustrates the change from traditional, shared land-use rights to the western concept of private property ownership.

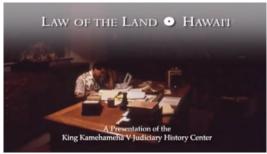
Kānāwai shows changing attitudes towards water use in the 19th century by examining the surface water case of <u>Peck v. Bailey</u>. In a landmark decision, the Kingdom of Hawaii's Supreme Court dramatically redefined water rights in Hawai'i.

Oni v. Meek introduces students to one of the Kingdom's most important Supreme Court decisions involving land rights and prepares them for a mock trial our 1913 Courtroom.

Animal Trials introduces lower elementary students to late 19th century trials involving animals. The unruly behavior of animals, especially in an increasingly urbanized Honolulu, resulted in a number of court cases.

Broken Scales is the story of a man's nightmare in which one of the cornerstones of democracy judicial independence, has crumbled.

The Center also offers two films for use in the classroom: **Kaulike** documents the development of a western judicial system in Hawai'i and provides an overview of the current court system. **Trial of a Queen** focuses on the issues surrounding the armed overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy, the counter-rebellion, and subsequent trial of Queen Lili'uokalani.



Law of the Land

# Research and Publications

#### **Judges & Lawyers Database**

Legal research on the courts in Hawaii during the Monarchy period culminated in an analysis of over 20,000 cases in the State Archives. As an outgrowth of this research, a database of 19th century judges and lawyers of the Monarchy period has been produced. New information is incorporated as it becomes available.

#### He Lei, He Aloha

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Hawai'i State Library and in association with the public program, *He Lei*, *He Aloha*, *A Lei of Love*, *the Legacies of Queen Lili'uokalani*, the Center compiled a bibliography of resource materials covering events from the monarchy period to present day.

#### **New Brochures**

With the help of volunteers and visiting legal scholars from Japan and Korea, the Center translated and produced Gallery brochures in Japanese, Korean, and Chinese.

### **Education Programs**

The Judiciary History Center offers schools, colleges, and the general public a number of law-related educational activities and resources. Law-Related Education (LRE) has evolved from the assumption that individuals who understand the reasons for laws and the institutions that support them are more likely to act responsibly in society. Students exposed to LRE are better able to predict consequences of breaking the law. They may also be more capable of resolving disputes independent of the court system. The Center is one of the few providers of LRE programs and materials in the state.

### University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson School of Law

Every year, incoming first year law students visit the Center during their orientation. Students have the opportunity to tour the Center, the Law Library, and meet the Chief Justice.

#### **Learning Activities at the Center**

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the Center welcomed over 16,000 students and their teachers to its education programs. Many students interacted with judges who spoke with them during their tours or at their schools as part the Center's Judiciary Speakers Bureau. Educational tours supplement school curriculum and provide an exciting alternative learning environment for students and teachers. A variety of school tour formats have been developed to complement the Department of Education's benchmarks for grades two through twelve, the National Common Core Standards, and the C3 Framework. Students enjoy a selection of short films, guided tours of the Center's exhibits, Circuit Court visits, and scripted mock trials in the Center's restored 1913 Courtroom. Post-visit materials compliment the Center's learning activities back in the classroom.



Judge Leonard addresses students from Hauula Elementary

The following schools and organizations visited during the 2014–2015 fiscal year:

#### **Elementary Schools**

Ali'iōlani School

Aliamanu Elementary Alvah Scott Elementary August Ahrens Elementary De Silva Elementary Fern Elementary Gustav Webling Elementary Hanalani Schools Hau'ula Elementary Hawai'i Tech Academy Holomua Elementary Island Pacific Academy Ka Waihona o Ka Na'auao Kahalu'u Elementary Kaimukī Christian School Kainalu Elementary Kalihi Uka Elementary Kamiloiki Elementary Lanikai School Le Jardin Academy Leihoku Elementary Lunalilo Elementary Ma'ema'e Elementary Makalapa Elementary Mānana Elementary Mauka Lani Elementary Mililani Mauka Elementary Mokapu Elementary Montessori Schools of Maui Myron B. Thompson Academy Nānāikapono Elementary Navy Hale Keiki School Nimitz Elementary Pearl City Highlands Elementary Pearl Ridge Elementary Pōhākea Elementary Pukalani Elementary Sacred Heart School Saint Mark Lutheran School Shafter Elementary

Waipahu Elementary Wilson Elementary

# Middle & Intermediate Schools

Central Middle School
Hawai'i Tech Academy
Highlands Intermediate
Honolulu Waldorf School
Kamehameha Middle School
Kawānanakoa Middle School
Maryknoll School
Moanalua Middle School
St. Andrew's Priory
Waipahu Intermediate School
Washington Middle School

#### **High Schools**

'Aiea High School Campbell High School G3 Homeschools Generation Joshua Hale O Ulu School Hawai'i Baptist Academy Honoka'a High & Intermediate Kahuku High School Kaimukī High School Kamehameha Schools - Maui Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama Kapolei High School Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani 'ōpu'u Lutheran High School of Hawai'i Mililani High School Punahou School Pueo Program (Punahou School) St. Andrew's Priory Teen Pact Wai'anae High School Waipahu High School

Hawai'i Pacific University Hawai'i Palms English School Honolulu Community College Intercultural Communication College 'Iolani Palace Docents Kapi'olani Community College Kōkua Villa Inc. Leeward Community College Lyman Museum Road Scholars Michigan State University National Guard Youth Challenge Academy National Defense University Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University Pacific Asian Tourism Association Partners in Development Pō'ailani, Inc. Univ. of Hawai'i at Manoa U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) William S. Richardson Law School

# Adult, Post-Secondary, and Special Groups

Aichi Junior College Boy Scouts of America BYU Hawai'i Close Up Foundation Global Village Hawai'i Job Corps

The Children's House

Waialua Elementary

Waikele Elementary

### Curricula

#### The Trial of Nathaniel Bacon

A mock-trial activity created to meet Hawaii's Social Studies Benchmarks for fifth grade students visiting the History Center. Focusing on the conflicts that arose between the Native Americans and the Colonists, the curriculum also examines conflict amongst the Colonists, themselves, and the Crown.

### **Authority & Power Without Authority, Rules and Laws**

The Center has two tour activities to address the DOE's 3rd grade Social Studies Benchmarks. Authority and Power examines the legitimacy of power. Students learn to differentiate between power backed by might and power backed by right. In Rules and Laws, students compare the origins, purposes, and consequences of rules and laws. The two activities combine to create a powerful learning experience in the museum setting. Students gain a clear picture of legitimate authority and legislative intent.

#### Oni v. Meek

A mock-trial activity that reenacts a landmark court case from the Monarchy Period. Students argue this historic case in the Center's restored 1913 courtroom, while learning about a courtroom's layout and the roles of courtroom personnel. A jury of students renders a verdict, and the activity concludes with a discussion about the case's actual verdict.

#### Trial of a Queen: 1895 Military Tribunal

A curriculum guide that examines the 1895 military trial of Queen Lili'uokalani on charges of misprision of treason. While role playing characters of various political backgrounds, students discover events leading up to the Queen's trial, and gain both a legal and human perspective of the judicial process.

#### **Animal Cases**

A collection of scripted court cases based on transcripts from the District Courts of the Hawaiian Kingdom that introduces elementary students to the judicial process. Cases involving theft of a chicken, runaway pigs, and reckless horseback riding encourage student jurors to consider evidence, issues of choice and consequence, and social responsibility.

#### Martial Law in Hawai'i

Within hours of the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7,1941, daily life in Hawai'i drastically changed. The Center's curriculum for high school and college students helps them understand the significance of military laws in a democratic society. Students learn about the military government, suspension of habeas corpus, general orders, provost courts, and efforts to reestablish civilian control through legal challenges to martial law. Students are able to conduct a mock trial of the noteworthy <u>Duncan v. Kahanamoku</u> case.

#### Hawai'i State Courts

Which courts have jurisdiction over which cases? How many jurors must agree to determine the verdict in a civil trial? Students learn the answers and more during this presentation about the State Courts in Hawai'i. After a brief look at the three branches of government and their responsibilities, we take a closer look at the State's Judicial Branch.

#### **Bicycle Theft and Hot Wheels**

Intended to complement the lesson on Hawaii's State Courts, Bicycle Theft and Hot Wheels are mock trial activities designed to give students a courtroom experience in a real courtroom setting.

#### Speakers Bureau & Judges in the Classroom

The Center coordinates the Judiciary Speakers Bureau, arranging for judges to speak at schools and community group settings, and providing curriculum materials as needed.

# Teacher Workshops and Student Programs

#### **Courts in the Community**

Under the leadership of Chief Justice Recktenwald, Courts in the Community offers public and private high school students an opportunity to better understand the function of the Judicial Branch of government and observe an actual oral argument. To prepare, volunteer attorneys and Students for Public Outreach and Civic Education (SPOCE) at the William S. Richardson School of Law work with participating high school students to familiarize them with the case. The students participate in a moot court activity before attending a Supreme Court hearing and meeting with the attorneys and the justices immediately following the argument. This past year the Hawai'i State Supreme Court convened at Mililani High School (December 2014) and Kaua'i Community College (April 2015) with a combined 645 students in attendance.

#### We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution High School Competition

In a simulated congressional hearing competition held at the First Circuit Court of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Technology Academy, 'Iolani School, Kealakehe High, and Mililani High School vied for the chance to represent Hawai'i at the National Finals in Washington, D.C. This year, Mililani High School was victorious. They represented our state at the national finals, and enjoyed exploring our nation's capitol and meeting civic-minded students from around the country.

#### Role of Constitutional Conventions in Hawai'i: He Huli Ao Ia No Hawai'i

Since 1840, the governance of Hawai'i has been defined by a constitution. For over a hundred seventy years, the changing of our Constitution has reflected the aspirations, fears, courage, and resiliency of the people of Hawai'i. The last constitutional convention in Hawai'i was

held in 1978, a watershed moment in Hawaii's constitutional history. This teacher workshop, conducted over two consecutive Saturdays, explored the mechanics of constitutional change in Hawai'i. Attendees heard presentations defining constitutional governance and Hawaii's past constitutions, and explored a range of "hot button" issues that might influence votes for or against a future constitutional convention. Attendees also heard from a panel of delegates who participated in the historic 1978 Constitutional Convention.

#### **Children and Youth Day**

The Center participated in Hawaii's annual Children and Youth Day by hosting a legal clinic for Boy Scouts, providing them an opportunity to earn their Law Merit Badge. Under the instruction of Associate Judge Katherine Leonard, Judge Edward Kubo of the First Circuit, attorneys Ian Sandison, Shirley Lou-Magnuson and Detective James Mauer of the Honolulu Police Department, 31 Boy Scouts earned their badges.

### Federal Trials and Compelling Issues: Aliens, Citizens, Equal Protection, and Due Process

On October 6-7, the Center partnered with the United States District Court in Hawai'i and the Hawai'i State Department of Education to conduct a two-day professional development workshop on the federal court system. The workshop explored evolving American societal values and the importance of the rule of law in a democracy, focusing on three trials that made their way through the federal courts. Historical context and legal analysis of the cases were provided by scholars and federal judges. Teachers gained insight on issues including women's rights, voting rights, and the equal protection clause of the 14 amendment. The cases to be studied were Minor v. Happersett, Reed v. Reed, and Shelby County v. Holder. The workshop was open to both public and private high school Social Studies teachers.

### **Public Programs**

#### Ua Unuhi Nā Palapala: Revealing Indigenous Responses to Western Concepts of Justice

This program focused on the translation from Hawaiian to English of over 2,000 Hawaiian Kingdom court documents providing new information on daily life in Hawai'i during the 19th Century. Since 1977, translators have spent countless hours deciphering handwriting, solving mysterious abbreviations, learning old names and relocating unfamiliar place names. Translators Esther 'Kiki' Mookini and Ka'anoi Walk discussed the challenges of this work.

### Who Trumps Whom: Exploring Federalism in Hawai'i

From LGBT rights to GMOs, minimum wage, marijuana use, universal health care, and voting rights, individual states have exerted their right to control policy with far reaching effects on their citizenry. This program focused on the question of who has the final say on these issues - the state or federal government? Dean Avi Soifer of the William S. Richardson School of Law and retired Associate Justice Simeon Acoba of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court weighed in on this question.



### Local Story: The Massie-Kahahawai Case 1931-1932

The Massie-Kahahawai cases of 1931-1932 shook the Territory of Hawai'i to its core and brought to light racial and economic tensions in Paradise. Thalia Massie, a young Navy wife alleged that she had been kidnapped and raped by "some Hawaiian boys" in Waikīkī. A few days later, five young

local men stood accused of her rape. Mishandling of evidence and contradictory testimony led to a mistrial, but before a second trial convened, one of the accused, Horace Ida, was kidnapped and beaten by a group of Navy men and a second, Joseph Kahahawai, lay dead from a gunshot wound. John Rosa, author of Local Story and Craig Howes, Director of The Center for Biographical Research at the University of Hawai'i, examined how Native Hawaiians, Asian immigrants, and others responded to this piece of Hawaii's legal history.

## Ashford & Ashford: How Two Brothers from Canada Influenced the Fate of a Nation

C.W. and V.V. Ashford immigrated to Honolulu in the early 1880s, establishing the law firm Ashford and Ashford. Their interests, however, extended well beyond the mere scope and practice of law. The brothers' precipitous and seemingly inexplicable rise to power and influence had a profound impact on the political, military, and legal spheres of the Kingdom at a pivotal point in Hawaii's history. During this evening program Neil Dukas, author of a forthcoming biography about the Ashfords and Douglas Askman commented on the historical landscape of the time.



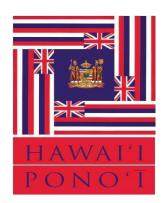
#### King Kamehameha V, 184th Birthday Celebration

The Center partnered with the Royal Order of Kamehameha I to celebrate the birthday of Lot Kapuaiwa Kalanimakua Ali'iōlani Kalani Kapuapaikalaninui Kamehameha V. The event featured a procession of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I and other benevolent societies, Hawaiian oli and hula, and a short lecture detailing Kamehameha V's contributions to his government.



# Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany under the Third Reich

The Center presented this program as part of a traveling exhibition of the same title. Niklaus Schweizer, Professor of German Language and Studies gave the historical context for events occurring at the end of the Weimar Republic and the rise of the Nazi party in post WWI Germany. Today, this dark chapter in history also reminds us how easily a popular ruler can employ fear, intimidation, and raw prejudice to achieve an oppressive totalitarian state. Avi Soifer, Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law discussed the fundamental ideal of the rule of law and the challenges that we face today in maintaining a fair and just legal system in America.



#### Mai Poina, the Trial of The Queen

For six nights in February, a living history performance depicting the 1895 trial of Queen Lili'uokalani for misprision of treason, followed by discussion of the current implications of this event led by noted Hawaiian scholars and community leaders was held at the Center. Scholars were Jonathan Osorio, Davianna McGregor, Melody

MacKenzie, Noenoe Silva, and Sydney Iaukea.

## Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law (Peter Hoffenberg, Gregory Jackson)

More than any other document in human history, the Magna Carta has come to embody a simple but enduring truth: No one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. Since the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215, it has taken root as an international symbol of the rule of law and as an inspiration for many basic rights. For Law Day, the Center featured an evening program with Peter Hoffenberg, professor of history and Gregory Jackson, an international advisor on human rights. Hoffenberg discussed the eight hundred year history of the document, with its many changes and modifications. Jackson shared with us his experiences as an advisor to the Iraqi High Tribunal prosecuting human right atrocities by the Baathish regime. He discussed rule of law, concepts of fair trail and due process in the international post-conflict context.



# 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I

Hongwanji Mission School Taiko Drum students opened this celebration in the front lawn of Ali'iōlani Hale, followed by a procession of community dignitaries and Royal Order officials. Oli and hula preceded a short presentation by the Honorary Consul Emeritus of Switzerland, Niklaus Schweizer who spoke of the founding of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I. In honor of the festivities, Hawaiian Islands Stamp & Coin displayed a collection of Kamehameha V's personal memorabilia.



# Dynamic Plans for Iolani Palace, our neighbors across the street

In 2014, The Friends of 'Iolani palace completed the planning phase for new exhibits connected by the theme of dynamic cultural intersections. For our Friends of the Judiciary History Center annual meeting, Palace Curator, Heather Diamond, shared their experience as general assumptions were challenged and important lessons learned.

# Visitor Attendance

Visitors	42,065
<b>School Programs</b>	16,500
TOTAL	58,565

# Financial Statement 2014-2015

Personnel	\$234,504
Equipment	\$4,775
Expenses/Supplies	\$7,120
TOTAL	\$246,399

### **Executive Board**

General administrative responsibilities for the Judiciary History Center rest with a five-member executive board appointed by the Chief Justice.



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his law degree from the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Andrade served as managing editor for the University of Hawai'i Law Review, worked as a research assistant to Professor Eric K. Yamamoto, and authored an award-winning article. Prior to joining McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP in 2013, Mr. Andrade clerked for Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Mr. Andrade is admitted to practice before all of the courts in the State of Hawai'i as well as the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i.



Marjorie Bronster graduated from Brown University and Columbia University Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. She is the founding partner of Bronster

Hoshibata and works on a broad variety of litigation and counseling matters. Prior to work at her law firm, Ms. Bronster was the Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i where she successfully led a yearslong investigation into abuses by the trustees of the Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate charitable trust. She also won a multi-billion dollar Master Settlement Agreement from tobacco companies on behalf of the State of Hawai'i.



**Dr. Brandy Nālani McDougall** received her Ph.D. in English from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where she specialized in Contemporary Kanaka Maoli Literature. She is an Assistant

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Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna received her B.A. in Japanese in 1978 from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and her J.D. in 1982 from the William S. Richardson School

of Law. Justice McKenna practiced at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel until 1987, then became in-house counsel to Otaka, Inc., a Japan-based international business organization, until 1990. From 1991 to 1993, she was an Assistant Professor at WSRSL. She became a state District Court judge in late 1993, then a First Circuit Court judge in 1995, eventually serving as Senior Judge of the Family Court of the First Circuit.



**Thao T. Tran** joined Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda in 2008 as an associate practicing in the areas of Labor and Employment Law. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Northeastern University

School of Law in Boston and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Studies, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Tran served as a law clerk for Hawaii's Honorable Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon.

### Friends of the Judiciary History Center

In 1983, Chief Justice Herman Lum appointed the first **Friends of the Judiciary History Center** board as an advisory group to support the Judiciary's development of the Judiciary History Center. In 1984, the Friends of the Judiciary Center of Hawai'i qualified as a tax exempt organization. The Friends help support a wide range of exciting educational programs which teach about law and the judicial system.

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Photo left to right: Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, Jesand Amodo, Program Director Toni Palermo, Keahi Agena, Alan Duggar, Marilyn Leeloy, and Judy Parrish.

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