

Nineteenth Annual Ku'ikahi Mediation Center
RECOGNITION DINNER
together with the Hawai'i County Bar Association

Sunday, November 17, 2024
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel's Moku'ola Ballroom

COCKTAIL HOUR

- ☞ Music by Larry Conklin
- ☞ No-Host Cocktails
- ☞ Silent Auction (closes 7:15 p.m.)

PROGRAM

- ☞ Welcome & Introductions
by emcee Lincoln Ashida
- ☞ Dinner
blessing by Mike Tulang
- ☞ Welcome & Mahalos from Ku'ikahi Mediation Center
by Julie Mitchell & Shaunda Liu Makaimoku
- ☞ Ku'ikahi Mediation Center
'Peacemaker Award' to Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter
introduced by Senator Tim Richards
- ☞ Wine Auction & Live Auction
- ☞ Welcome & Mahalos from Hawai'i County Bar Association
by William B. Heflin, Esq.
- ☞ Hawaii County Bar Association
'Meritorious Service Award' to The Honorable M. Kanani Laubach
introduced by The Honorable Ronald Ibarra (ret.)
- ☞ Closing Remarks
- ☞ Auction Payment (after 8:30 p.m.)

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use of range prior to the scheduled tee time)**

Donated by Mauna Lani Golf and Sports Club

(VALUE \$1,200)

**2-night stay in Palace Ocean View
at Hilton Waikoloa Village
(includes resort fee and self-parking)**

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**Omakase Sushi Dinner for 6 in your own home,
specially crafted by Roy Kaneko
(Master Sushi Chef, formerly of Hilo Bay Café)**

*Donated by Roy Kaneko
+ Lincoln Ashida & Kelsey Poaha*

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**Koa hand-crafted
circular table
(28" diameter x 25" tall)**

Donated by RK Woods

(VALUE \$1,550)



Congratulations!

Peacemaker Award Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter

Director of Government and Community
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HCBA Honoree The Honorable M. Kanani Laubach

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**19TH
ANNUAL
RECOGNITION DINNER
& AUCTION**

Congratulations to the Honorees:

Honorable M. Kanani Laubach
Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court

Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter
Director, Government and Community Relations

*"Do the best you can until you know better.
Then when you know better, do better."*

–Maya Angelou

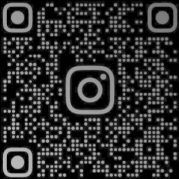


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Congratulates the 2024 Honorees

Honorable M. Kanani Laubach
& Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter

*"Hope and fear cannot occupy the same
space. Invite one to stay." –Maya Angelou*

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**Congratulations to
Peacemaker Award recipient
Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter.**

**And HCBA honoree
The Honorable
M. Kanani Laubach.**



We congratulate our own Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter
and M. Kanani Laubach for your
many contributions to Hawai'i Island families,
organizations and communities.



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JENNIFER ZELKO-SCHLUETER



Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter, Esq. was born and raised in Hilo. A graduate of Hilo High School, she received her undergraduate degree from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and her Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University School of Law. Jennifer is the Director of Government and Community Relations at Hawaiian Electric. Previously, she worked as an associate attorney for the law firms of Torkildson Katz and Carlsmith Ball. Jennifer is the chair of Hawaii Health Systems, East Hawaii

Region which oversees Hilo Benioff Medical Center, Honoka'a Hospital and Skilled Nursing, Ka'u Hospital, and Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home. She is also the chair of Vibrant Hawai'i and vice-chair of HFS Federal Credit Union, and she serves on the board of directors for Nā Leo O Hawai'i (which manages Nā Leo TV), Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, and Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference. She serves as a CAAP (Court Annexed Arbitration Program) arbitrator and is a volunteer at the legal Self-Help Center at the Hilo Judiciary Complex. Jennifer is a director emerita of Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, where she served on the board of directors from 2015-2021, including as secretary, vice president, and president.



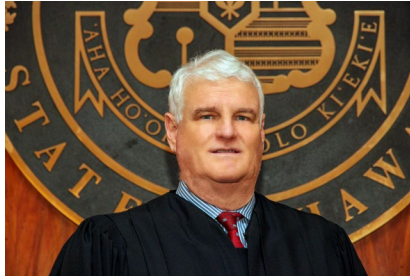
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Congratulations Peacemaker Awardee



Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter

Jennifer's dedication to our community has been exemplary. We thank her for serving as the chair for the East Hawaii Regional Board that is working to improve healthcare for the people of Hawai'i Island.



Message from Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald

On behalf of the Hawai'i State Judiciary, I want to extend my warm aloha and deep appreciation to the Hawai'i County Bar Association (HCBA) for presenting its 2024 Certificate of Meritorious Service Award to Third Circuit Deputy Chief Judge M. Kanani Laubach.

Mahalo to the Ku'ikahi Mediation Center for being an excellent justice partner. Your mission and vital work to empower people to resolve their disputes, without going to court, strengthens the East Hawai'i community.

I appointed Judge Laubach to the District Family Court in 2016 and named her Third Circuit Deputy Chief Judge in 2020. She has served with honor and distinction, and provided strong leadership, particularly in meeting the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Judge Laubach has earned a reputation as a thoughtful, well prepared, fair and impartial jurist, who treats everyone in her courtroom with dignity and respect.

In addition, she has demonstrated her commitment to serving her community and the legal profession in many meaningful ways. Judge Laubach is an active member of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) Judicial Administration Committee, and volunteers regularly to advance access to justice and continuing legal education opportunities for attorneys and fellow judges.

Congratulations, Judge Laubach!

THE HONORABLE M. KANANI LAUBACH



The Honorable M. Kanani Laubach was appointed by Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald as judge of the District Family Court of the Third Circuit (Island of Hawai'i) on August 10, 2016. She was later appointed as interim Deputy Chief Judge effective on June 1, 2019. As of June 26, 2020, Judge Laubach has been assigned as Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of the Third Circuit. She currently serves on various committees which help to forward the mission of the Judiciary, as an

independent branch of government, to administer justice in an impartial, efficient, and accessible manner in accordance with the law. Prior to serving on the bench from 2003-2011, Judge Laubach worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the City and County of Honolulu as well as the County of Hawai'i. She entered private practice in 2011, handling cases involving criminal, family, and civil litigation/collection matters. Judge Laubach received her J.D. from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law in 2003 and was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar the same year. She received an M.S. in Counseling Psychology from Chaminade University of Honolulu in 2000.

Mahalo to community contributors

Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter

Ku'ikahi Mediation Center

Peacemaker Award

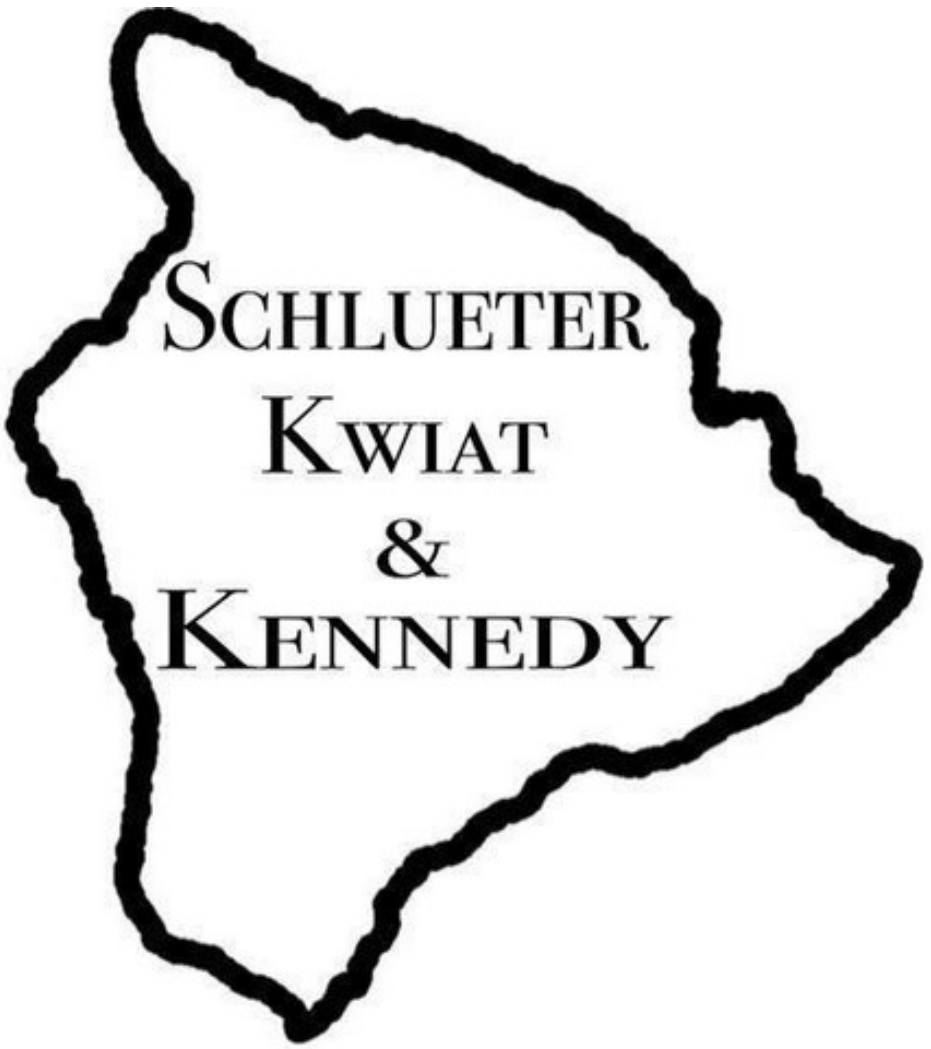
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Judge Kanani Laubach

Hawaii County Bar Association

Meritorious Service Award

With deep appreciation, Janet Fujjoka



Congratulations to Peacemaker Awardee

Jennifer Zelko-Schluter

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Meritorious Service Awardee

The Honorable M. Kanani Laubach

Mahalo and Congratulations to

Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter for the 'Peacemaker Award'
and to
The Honorable M. Kanani Laubach for the 'Meritorious Service Award'

Thank you Ku'ikahi Mediation Center
for your commitment and dedication to our community

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Congratulations

Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter

2024 Ku'ikahi
Peacemaker Award Recipient



Our congratulations also to the Honorable M. Kanani Laubach!

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people helping people

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your well-deserved
awards,**

**JENNIFER &
JUDGE LAUBACH!**



**Congratulations
to both honorees!
with warm aloha from
Dale & Sandra Tokuuke**



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Hawaii County Bar Association

is pleased to recognize the
Hon. M. Kanani Laubach
Deputy Chief Judge
of the Third Circuit
with our 2024
Meritorious Service Award

And congratulates
Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter
on receiving the
Ku'ikahi Mediation Center
2024 Peacemaker Award

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAHALO TO

**Ku'ikahi Mediation Center
Peacemaker Award Recipient**
Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter

**Hawaii County Bar Association
Meritorious Service Award
Recipient**
Judge M. Kanani Laubach



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*because of you, our community is
"FINDING SOLUTIONS, GROWING PEACE"*

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**Ku'ikahi means a treaty, covenant, agreement,
feeling of unity, peace, reconciliation.**

(excerpted from the Hawaiian Dictionary by Mary Kawena Pukui & Samuel H. Elbert)

NOTE FROM A MEDIATION CLIENT

March 14, 2024

Aloha e Molly,

"Ua ola loko i ke aloha. He alii ka la i
ke ha Ku'ulani ne."

"Life is an echo. What you give out
comes back."

I found this Hawaiian proverb to be true as it relates to the work that you do. I want to extend my warmest mahalo for your efforts during the mediation process. Your professionalism, warm smile and positivity across Zoom was exactly what I needed to handle my difficult circumstances. I admire the mission of your center and I commend you for the valuable service you bring to our island community. You are appreciated, Molly! With gratitude & aloha.

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\$ 5,000	\$416.66	\$13.70
\$10,000	\$833.33	\$27.40

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Ku'ikahi Mediation Center

Finding Solutions, Growing Peace

OUR VISION

A peaceful community where people routinely seek common ground.

OUR MISSION

We empower people to come together—to talk and to listen, to explore options, and to find their own best solutions.

To achieve this mission, we offer mediation, facilitation, and training to strengthen the ability of diverse individuals and groups to resolve interpersonal conflicts and community issues.

OUR VALUES

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