

**Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation***Staff Attorney***Honolulu, Hawai'i**

January 2014-July 2019

Led impact litigation in matters relating to Native Hawaiian rights law, including water rights, state and federal government entitlement programs, public trust, and historical native land claims. Practiced in all stages of litigation and dispute resolution before all courts of the State of Hawai'i. Managed a high-profile, high-volume case load and provided effective appellate and trial advocacy, client communication, community engagement, legal research and writing, oral argument, and motions practice. Served as lead counsel in contested evidentiary hearings before multiple state and county agencies and administrative bodies. Frequently provided consultations and presentations on Native Hawaiian rights issues.

***Significant Representative Achievements***

Secured a landmark victory in the State's largest and longest water rights litigation spanning 17 years that resulted in the full and permanent restoration of streams vital to Native Hawaiian traditional subsistence practices and near-shore environments previously decimated by a century-old commercial diversion project.

Represented Native Hawaiian subsistence farmers and fishermen in an original action and appeal to invalidate the State's practice of issuing revocable permits for the mass, commercial diversion of more than one-hundred east Maui streams and tributaries without requiring environmental review.

Represented a respected Native Hawaiian limu (seaweed) gatherer and cultural practitioner in challenging a development project threatening historic limu grounds, the surrounding near-shore environment, and traditional and customary practices dependent thereon.

Secured a unanimous Hawai'i Supreme Court ruling on behalf of Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners who sued the State for breaching its constitutional trust duties to protect and preserve public ceded lands from environmental damage and ruin caused by live-fire military exercises and training.

Represented native Hawaiian beneficiaries before the Hawai'i Supreme Court to enforce a constitutional mandate to fund a government homesteading program for native Hawaiians.

Negotiated the settlement of a 30-year litigation involving traditional native Hawaiian land claims.

**Bays, Lung, Rose, and Holma***Litigation Associate***Honolulu, Hawai'i**

2011-2013

Practiced in the areas of commercial, real estate, construction, and probate administration representing domestic and international clients in civil litigation matters involving contract disputes, business torts, regulatory compliance, personal injury claims, adversarial proceedings, professional malpractice, discrimination, and consumer protection violations. State and federal litigation experience included case management, all stages of pre-trial pleadings and discovery, dispositive motion practice, oral arguments, taking and defending lay and expert witness depositions, appeals, mediation, and settlement negotiations.

**Holland & Knight LLP***Litigation Associate**Law Clerk***New York, New York**

2007-2011

Summer 2006

Practiced commercial and bankruptcy litigation representing domestic and international clients in a wide variety of civil litigation matters involving contract disputes, insurance and reinsurance actions, professional malpractice, finance and investments, consumer protection violations, adversarial proceedings, rights of secured parties, discrimination, and regulatory and corporate compliance issues. Responsible for comprehensive discovery