Lost in Translation: ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi and the Law

March’s Maoli Thursday will continue discussion of significant developments that came out of the 1978 Constitutional Convention and how they continue to impact the Maoli community today. Panelists will discuss how constitutional provisions relating to ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi and Hawaiian education have helped the language revitalization movement both in the classroom and courtroom, and where we go from here.

Sharla Manley
In 2010, Sharla joined the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) as a staff attorney and in 2014, became its Litigation Director. In this capacity, she is responsible for ensuring the effective representation of each of NHLC’s clients. In February 2018, Sharla argued Clarabal v. DOE, a case involving the right to be educated in the Hawaiian language, before the Hawaiʻi Supreme Court. Prior to NHLC, she was an associate at an international law firm in Los Angeles. Before law school, Sharla was a policy analyst at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, where she focused on water rights and the impact of military activities in Mākua Valley.

Amy Kalili ‘06
A proud graduate of this law school, Amy is a fluent speaker of ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi and has been part of the language revitalization movement since the mid-1990s. In her current role at ʻŌiwi TV, she is developing a new Broadcast Media initiative to further strengthen and normalize the Hawaiian language. Amy is also serving as Executive Director of Makaula, Inc., a nonprofit whose mission is to create and disseminate Hawaiian language and culture media content. Prior to this role, she served as Executive Director of ‘Aha Pūnana Leo.

Moderated by Luʻukia Nakanelua and Kealiʻi Sagum, 2L students and Alakaʻi of the ‘Ahahui o Hawaiʻi

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