Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law Presents:

Maoli Thursday

Thursday, November 2, 2017
11:45AM — 1:00PM + Moot Courtroom
William S. Richardson School of Law

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Chaos in the Capital:
What’s at Stake for Native Hawaiians?

Please join us for a lively discussion about how the devolving political climate in the nation’s capital affects Native Hawaiian programs and interests. Our distinguished panelists will offer insight and two current students, Keal‘i Sagum and Ku‘upua Kiyuna, will share highlights of their summer work experiences in D.C.

Former Governor John D. Waihe‘e ‘76

Governor Waihe‘e served as the fourth governor of Hawai‘i, from 1986 to 1994. He began his political career as a delegate to the 1978 Hawai‘i Constitutional Convention, where he was instrumental in the creation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the adoption of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i as an official state language. Governor Waihe‘e also served in the Hawai‘i House of Representatives and as Lieutenant Governor. In 2011, he was appointed Chair of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, established by Act 195, which officially recognizes Native Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawai‘i.

Esther Kia‘āina

Esther Kia‘āina is currently the Executive Director of the Pacific Basin Development Council. Prior to that post, she served as Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas for the U.S. Department of the Interior, First Deputy for Hawai‘i’s Department of Land and Natural Resources, Chief Advocate for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Land Asset Manager for Kamehameha Schools, and also had an extensive career on Capitol Hill. Esther is known for her expertise on Native Hawaiian issues, the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States of Micronesia, and Asian and Pacific Islander issues.

Moderated by: Stanton Enomoto

Stanton Enomoto is the Senior Program Director for the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of Native Hawaiian Relations. Stanton has over 25 years of government and private sector experience in Native Hawaiian affairs, policy, planning, environmental and resource management. He has worked for federal and state agencies including the U.S. National Park Service, Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawai‘i Community Development Authority, and Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Maoli Thursday is a Lunchtime Forum & Speaker Series
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