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The life of the law is Perpetuated in Righteousness: the Jurisprudence of William S. Richardson

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Wednesday, March 9, 2011
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
William S. Richardson School of Law, Room 254

Professor Chang examines the property jurisprudence of Chief Justice Richardson. Today that body of property law is acclaimed. It is viewed as establishing the foundation in for such important property doctrines as water rights and beach access. This was not always the case. Thirty years ago when first rendered, these property decisions were immensely controversial, critiqued, and even vilified. How, over the last thirty or so years has the jurisprudence of Chief Justice Richardson become so accepted, so fundamental? Professor Chang presents his thesis as to how the Chief Justice was the right person, at the right time, with the right tools, and how this jurisprudence ultimately prevailed over time as (1) restorative of Hawaiian sovereignty, (2) unifying of disparate island political communities, (3) island-based, and most important, (4) constitutional.