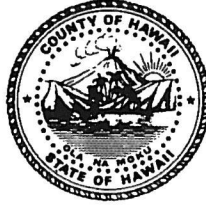


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Via Electronic Mail only

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Dear Mr. Kunihiro:

Re: Fiscal Year 2021-22 Professional Services: Statement of Qualifications (SOQs)

Thank you for submitting your firm's Statement(s) of Qualifications for providing professional services to the Office of the Corporation Counsel, County of Hawai'i. Based upon the information provided, the Department's review committee has determined that your firm is qualified to perform services for the following category:

- 50) Attorney/Law (Civil Rights Defense)
- 51) Attorney/Law (General Personal Injury Defense)
- 52) Attorney/Law (Criminal Defense of County Employees)
- 53) Attorney/Law (General defense in civil matters, including administrative proceedings)
- 54) Attorney/Law (Federal and State Tax)
- 55) Attorney/Law (Worker's Compensation)
- 56) Attorney/Law (Constitutional)
- 57) Attorney/Law (Public Sector Employment)
- 58) Attorney/Law (Public Financing)
- 59) Attorney/Law (Drafting of Legislation and Administrative Rules)
- 60) Attorney/Law (Real Estate)
- 61) Attorney/Law (Land Use, Planning)
- 62) Attorney/Law (Class Actions)
- 63) Attorney/Law (Procurement)
- 64) Attorney/Law (Enforcement of Federal, State and County Law)

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- 65) Attorney/Law (Condemnation)
- 66) Attorney/Law (Construction Litigation)
- 67) Attorney/Law (Bankruptcy)
- 68) Attorney/Law (Commercial Transactions)
- 69) Attorney/Law (Collections)
- 70) Attorney/Law (Fair Labor Standards Act and other laws related to compensation)
- 71) Attorney/Law (Environmental)
- 72) Attorney/Law (Regulatory)

If you are qualified for a category, your firm will remain on the Department's List of Qualified Providers of Professional Services until June 30, 2022. For your information, this list may be utilized by any County agency during this time period.

When the need for professional services arises, a selection committee will review the qualifications of firms on the list in the appropriate category. Professional services procurements that equal or exceed \$5,000.00 are posted on the County's website within seven (7) days of the contract award.

Thank you for your interest in providing professional services to the County of Hawai'i. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy Bautista at (808) 961-8251 or corpcounsel@hawaiiicounty.gov.

Respectfully,



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Chair, 2021-22 Professional Services
Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) Review Committee

bcc: County of Hawai'i, Procurement with enclosure

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Leong Kunihiro & Brooke has provided experienced and knowledgeable legal service to Hawai'i and Mainland U.S. clients since its formation in 1998. Formed by founding partners Scott Leong, Gary Kunihiro, and Linda Zichittella Leong, Leong Kunihiro & Leong concentrated its practice in the areas of State and Federal workers' compensation defense and related matters. Collectively, Scott, Gary, and Linda brought to the firm more than 50 years of experience, both in private practice and as insurer in-house counsel. Scott and Linda were partners at the Honolulu law firm Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel. Gary was Senior In-House counsel with First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd.

In October 2010, Paul Brooke joined the firm. Paul was a partner at Devenney Watanabe & Brooke and was also in-house counsel for First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd. after Gary left.

In June 2018, Christine Kim joined our firm as an associate after serving as a law clerk in Multnomah County Oregon as well as serving as Assistant Attorney General in America Samoa.

Our newest associate is Raquelle A. Pendleton, who joined us in May 2021 after passing the Hawaii Bar Exam in 2020 and working at the Hawaii State Legislature.

Leong Kunihiro & Brooke offers clients experienced representation in all areas involving State of Hawaii workers' compensation matters. The firm takes pride in providing its clients high quality, cost-effective, legal service. Representative clients of the firm include: Acclaim Risk Management, Acclamation Insurance Management Services, City & County of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, County of Kauai, Crum & Forster, FiRMS Claims Services, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, DTRIC Insurance Company, Ltd., First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd., Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., Island Insurance Company, National Interstate Insurance, Outrigger Hotels Hawai'i, The Queen's Medical Center, St. Paul Travelers, Sedgwick Claims Management Services, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, State of Hawaii, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., York Risk Services, and Zurich American Insurance.

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GARY N. KUNIHIRO

Gary N. Kunihiro concentrates his practice in the defense of workers' compensation claims. He has represented a wide range of clients including construction companies, hotels, supermarkets, retailers, financial institutions, and small businesses. Examples of his work include:

- **Disputed Compensability:** Defended employers against low back, neck, repetitive motion claims, cardiovascular claims, cerebrovascular claims, stress claims, claims for injury due to exposure to toxic chemicals, claims for death benefits.
- **Apportionment of Benefits:** Negotiated and/or litigated apportionment claims against the Special Compensation Fund in permanent partial disability, permanent total disability and death cases.
- **Vocational Rehabilitation Disputes:** Advised and represented clients on disputes involving various vocational rehabilitation issues.
- **Subrogation recoveries:** Handled subrogation cases for insurance carriers and negotiated lien recoveries, including cases filed in the Circuit Courts of the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Kunihiro received an undergraduate degree in sociology. Academic honors include Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. He was a deputy prosecuting attorney for the County of Hawaii. Mr. Kunihiro subsequently entered private practice concentrating in insurance and workers' compensation defense. He was then employed as staff counsel with two major local insurance companies and brings a "unique" prospective in defending workers' compensation claims. In his spare time, Mr. Kunihiro enjoys spending time with his family and is also an avid golfer.

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Gonzaga University,
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CHRISTINE J. KIM

Christine J. Kim concentrates her practice in the defense of workers' compensation claims. She has represented clients including hotels, government entities, and small businesses. Examples of her work include:

- **Disputed Compensability:** Defended employers against workers' compensation claims for physical and psychological injuries.
- **Medical Management:** Assisted employers in handling treatment plans, obtaining medical examinations, and helping to move injured workers towards medical stability.
- **Workers' Compensation Fraud:** Investigated workers' compensation fraud complaints by arranging surveillance and conducting depositions. Filed fraud complaints at the Disability Compensation Division and obtained favorable results for employers.
- **Settlement of Claims:** Made settlement recommendations, negotiated settlement terms, and drafted settlement agreements for cases involving permanent partial disability, death, and subrogation.

Christine received her undergraduate degree with a double-major in history and political science at University of Oregon in 2011. Her academic honors included Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Phi Alpha Theta. In 2015, Christine obtained her law degree from Lewis & Clark Law School. After that, she worked as a Law Clerk to Judge Michael S. Loy and then served as an Assistant Attorney General in American Samoa. Christine joined Leong Kunihiro & Brooke in 2018 and has exclusively practiced workers' compensation law in Hawai'i since joining the firm. In her spare time, Christine enjoys spending time with her family, hiking, swimming, and jogging.

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RAQUELLE A. PENDLETON

Raquelle A. Pendleton concentrates her practice in the defense of workers' compensation claims. She has represented small business clients. Examples of her work include:

- **Permanent Partial Disability:** Drafted position statements, evaluation letters, and settlement agreements that involved permanent partial disability.
- **Special Compensation Fund:** Drafted letters notifying the Special Compensation Fund of preexisting conditions and argued for apportionment in hearings.
- **Settlement of Claims:** Drafted settlement agreements for cases involving permanent disability and disfigurement.

Raquelle received her undergraduate degree with a major in interpersonal communications and minor in French at Pepperdine University in 2015. In 2020, she obtained her law degree from William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Manoa. During law school, she was a legal extern at Adventist Health-Castle, Compliance Department and at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Law Program. After graduation, she worked at the Hawai'i State Senate for Senator Keohokalole, Chair of Health committee. Raquelle joined Leong Kunihiro & Brooke in 2021 and has exclusively practiced workers' compensation law in Hawai'i since joining the firm. In her spare time, Raquelle enjoys hiking, working out, relaxing at the beach, and spending time with her family and friends.

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