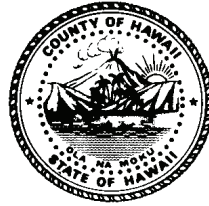


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July 26, 2023

Via Electronic Mail only

Lincoln S.T. Ashida
Torkildson Katz
120 Pauahi Street, Suite 312
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lincoln.ashida@torkildson.com

Dear Mr. Ashida:

Re: Fiscal Year 2023-24 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 Hawaii. Based upon the information provided, the Department's review committee has determined that your firm is qualified to perform services for the following category(ies):

- CC.1) Attorney/Law (Civil Rights Defense)
- CC.2) Attorney/Law (General Personal Injury Defense)
- CC.3) Attorney/Law (Criminal Defense of County Employees)
- CC.4) Attorney/Law (General defense in civil matters, including administrative proceedings)
- CC.5) Attorney/Law (Federal and State Tax)
- CC.6) Attorney/Law (Worker's Compensation)
- CC.7) Attorney/Law (Constitutional)
- CC.8) Attorney/Law (Public Sector Employment)
- CC.9) Attorney/Law (Public Financing)
- CC.10) Attorney/Law (Drafting of Legislation and Administrative Rules)
- CC.11) Attorney/Law (Real Estate)
- CC.12) Attorney/Law (Land Use, Planning)
- CC.13) Attorney/Law (Class Actions)
- CC.14) Attorney/Law (Procurement)
- CC.15) Attorney/Law (Enforcement of Federal, State and County Law)
- CC.16) Attorney/Law (Condemnation)
- CC.17) Attorney/Law (Construction Litigation)
- CC.18) Attorney/Law (Bankruptcy)
- CC.19) Attorney/Law (Commercial Transactions)

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- CC.20) Attorney/Law (Collections)
- CC.21) Attorney/Law (Fair Labor Standards Act and other laws related to compensation)
- CC.22) Attorney/Law (Environmental)
- CC.23) Attorney/Law (Regulatory)

Your firm will remain on the Department's List of Qualified Providers of Professional Services until June 30, 2024. 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 corpcounsel@hawaiicounty.gov or (808) 961-8251.

Respectfully,



Lerisa L. Heroldt
Deputy Corporation Counsel
Litigation Section Chief
Chair, 2023-24 Professional Services Statement of Qualifications Review Committee

cc: Jonathan K. Maesato, Legal Assistant (via e-mail only)
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bcc: County of Hawai'i, Procurement with enclosure (application packet)

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June 30, 2023

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**RE: Professional Services
Torkildson Katz, A Law Corporation**

**Office of the County Attorney
CC.2) General Personal Injury Defense
CC.4) General defense in civil matters
CC.8) Public Sector Employment
CC.10) Drafting of Legislation and Administrative Rules
CC.19) Commercial Transactions**

Dear Corporation Counsel Strance:

Please accept this letter and enclosures on behalf of Torkildson Katz, A Law Corporation responding to the County of Hawai`i's ("County") Notice for Professional Services, relating to legal services. We submit our interest in all legal service areas described in the Notice.

Torkildson Katz, A Law Corporation was founded in 1947 and has grown into one of Hawai`i's premier business-oriented law firms. The firm is committed to providing the highest quality legal service while leveraging the depth of our experience and the breadth of our specialized expertise. The firm represents a broad base of clients ranging from large multi-national corporations, to closely held corporations, partnerships, families, and individuals. The firm of 17 lawyers and 12 support personnel maintain offices in Honolulu and Hilo.

Enclosed is my curriculum vitae. With my background as the longest serving Corporation Counsel in the history of the County of Hawai`i, extensive trial and motions experience, and work in corporate and administrative law, I am uniquely qualified to serve your needs in litigation, business, employment, and advisory matters. Complete biographies of our

firm attorneys and specialized practice areas may be found at our firm website at <https://www.torkildson.com>.

With respect to specific business-related and litigation cases and matters I personally handle, I currently represent Philip Morris USA in tobacco litigation in the State of Hawai`i, The Lloyds Corporation (Lloyds of London), Bitesquad, the Boy Scouts of America, Doordash, CVS Pharmacies, Dave & Busters, KTA Superstores, among other national and local businesses. I currently represent the County of Hawai`i Department of Water Supply in pending contract law litigation, as well as the Honolulu Ethics Commission in three matters. I have previously successfully represented the Target Corporation, Walmart Stores, and the University of Hawai`i in three separate litigation matters. I am also counsel for Kamehameha Schools in Third Circuit Court litigation matters.

Recent and current clients that may be contacted for reference purposes include the following:

Ferrell Daste
Chief Executive Officer
Kona Hills LLC
81-964 Haleki`i St.
Kealahou, HI 96750

Charles D. Coleman, Esq.
Deputy General Counsel
Boy Scouts of America
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Irving, TX 75015-2079

Nancy Cabral
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2 Kamehameha Ave.
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Jan Yamane, Esq.
Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel
Honolulu Ethics Commission
925 Dillingham Blvd., #190
Honolulu, HI 96817

With an office in Hilo and the support of a large number of lawyers on Oahu, together with our familiarity with local municipal government, our firm is poised to provide support for the County of Hawai`i as special counsel or co-counsel as the need arises for the Office of the Corporation Counsel. We are well suited to assist the County of Hawai`i in its legal needs, as our three Hilo-based attorneys have deep roots in our local community, and have the benefit of specialized resources from our Honolulu office. We remain very competitively priced and are prepared to provide the County of Hawai`i with the very best legal service.

Thank you again for your kind consideration, and we look forward to providing services to the Office of the Corporation Counsel, and serving the needs of our County of Hawai`i.

Very truly yours,

TORKILDSON KATZ
A Law Corporation



Lincoln S. T. Ashida

Encls.

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*Director/Partner specializing in litigation, administrative law, labor and employment law, corporate transactions, and government sector law. Extensive trial/motions practice and legal research and writing. Service to non-profits and other organizations throughout the State of Hawai'i.
May 2014 to Present.*

Office of the Corporation Counsel

County of Hawai'i
Hilo Lagoon Centre, Ste. 312
101 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
(808) 961-8251

*Appointed in 2000 as Corporation Counsel, serving as chief legal counsel for the County of Hawai'i. Developed comprehensive training programs for County employees, coordinated statewide training for municipal attorneys, and protected County via aggressive litigation. Extensive administrative experience.
December 2000 to April 2014.*

Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

County of Hawai'i
655 Kilauea Avenue
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
(808) 961-0466

*Deputy Prosecuting Attorney trying felony cases including sexual assault and homicide; extensive motions and trial experience. Promoted to supervisor in 1991; supervised Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court, and Violence Against Women and Children Units and prosecutions. Pioneered the County's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program.
November 1987 to December 2000.*

University of Hawai'i Hilo

200 W. Kawili Street
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
(808) 974-7460

*Political Science and Administration of Justice Division lecturer in Introduction to Legal Systems, Public Administration, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Procedure, Courtroom Trial Practices.
Fall 1994 to Present.*

Law Intern/Clerking Experience:

Dwyer, Pohren, Wood, Heavey & Grimm

1823 Harney Street, Suite 300
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
(402) 344-3802

*Law clerk performing legal research and preparing legal memoranda, with primary concentration in bankruptcy, federal and state tax, and business litigation.
September 1986 to June 1987.*

Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

County of Hawai'i
655 Kilauea Avenue
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
(808) 961-0466

*Law intern performing legal research and preparing legal memoranda. Extensive Westlaw research experience.
June-August 1985, 1986, 1987*

Education:

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 1984

Creighton University School of Law
Omaha, Nebraska
Juris Doctor, 1987

Hilo High School
Hilo, Hawai`i
High School Diploma, 1980

Awards:

- 2009 statewide recipient of the Hawai`i State Bar Association C. Frederick Schutte award for outstanding contribution to the legal profession in the State of Hawai`i.
- 2010 statewide recipient of the Hawai`i State Bar Association Government Lawyer's Section Pro Bono Service Award for outstanding contribution to the community in providing pro bono service and leadership.
- 1980 Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award recipient.

Activities:

- Member, Committee on Initiatives to Enhance Civil Justice – Hawai`i Access to Justice Commission
- Member of Hawai`i Island Chamber of Commerce, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawai`i (Past President), Portuguese Chamber of Commerce, East Hawai`i Hiroshima Kenjinkai (Vice President) and Japanese Community Association (President).
- Past President and founding member of Kalaniana'ole School Foundation
- Past President of Kamehameha Schools Hawai`i Campus Parent-Teacher `Ohana
- Past President and current member of Hawai`i County Bar Association.
- Member of the Hawai`i State Bar Association
- Past District Chairman and current member of Boy Scouts of America Pukahi District
- Past President of Volunteer Legal Services Hawai`i
- Lecturer, University of Hawai`i at Hilo
- Member of University of Michigan Alumni Association
- Member of Creighton University School of Law Alumni Association
- Pro Bono legal counsel for University of Hawai`i at Hilo Vulcan Boosters
- Arbitrator, Third Circuit Court Annexed Arbitration Program
- Past Board Member, Hawai`i Japanese Cultural Center
- Member of Michigan Economic Society – University of Michigan
- Member of International Moot Court Board – Creighton University School of Law
- Member of National District Attorneys Association
- Member of International Municipal Lawyers Association
- Judge of high school and college mock trial competitions

*References, University of Michigan and Creighton University School of Law
academic transcripts available upon request*