



## PRACTICES

Administrative, Regulatory and Government Affairs

- Government Relations and Policy Energy and Public Utilities Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution -Mediation

Real Estate and Real Estate Development

- Environmental
- Land Use and Entitlements
- Residential, Commercial and Hotel Development

Timeshares/Vacation Ownership/ Destination Clubs

The Kauai office of M4 is headed by Laurel Loo, a native of Kauai. As a former deputy County Attorney advising the Kauai County Planning Department and Planning Commission, Laurel started a private practice in 2005 which continues to emphasize real estate litigation and land use law.

In addition to expanding her litigation practice, Laurel has become a professionally trained mediator and has successfully concluded many mediations and arbitrations on Kauai. Parties have evaluated her work as "efficient" and "empowering."

Laurel is a per diem judge in the district and family courts of the Fifth Circuit. She has been the Girls Court judge for several years on her island, where juvenile girls are given targeted treatment, therapy and opportunities to improve their lives. For her work in the justice system, Laurel was recognized by the Kauai Commission on the Status of Women and her alma mater, Waimea High School, as an outstanding community leader.

Previously a journalist, Laurel had an award-winning weekly column in The Honolulu Advertiser. She then attended the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she was an editor of the University of Hawaii Law Review.

Laurel's personal interest includes English horseback riding, canoe paddling and raising Portuguese Podengos, a breed of dog not known for sitting quietly in law offices.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

• Hawaii. 1988

## **EDUCATION**

- J.D. (1988) University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law
- B.S. University of Hawaii

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