

Anne E. Lopez

Professional

Accomplishments

Executive Management

- ✚ Serves as vice president and general counsel for Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (“HHSC”), responsible for leading the in-house legal department, including the corporate director of risk management, a staff of attorneys, and legal support staff in providing legal counsel and healthcare risk management services for Hawaii’s state owned health care system and its affiliates including: acute care hospitals, critical access hospitals, long term care facilities, and out-patient and urgent care clinics.
- ✚ As general counsel provide counsel to HHSC’s board of directors, president and chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief human resources officer, chief information officer, regional system boards, and their respective executives. Advice includes practical and strategic business advice and legal advice including the interpretation of federal and state law relevant to health care services and operations, health care providers, licensing, patient and resident rights, fraud and abuse, privacy, government transparency, ethics, drug policy, public safety, procurement, employment and collective bargaining, state land leasing, boards and commissions, work force development, environmental compliance, and more.
- ✚ Serves as a board member of a nonprofit organization with an annual budget of approximately \$28 million. Chair of the board’s governance subcommittee, which includes developing and implementing initiatives to align the diversity of the organization’s board with the population it serves.
- ✚ Served as general counsel for the transfer of the management and operation of Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, and Lanai Community Hospital (“Maui hospitals”) from HHSC to Maui Health Systems (“MHS”), collaborating with other state agencies, Kaiser Permanente Foundation Hospitals LLC (“Kaiser”), and MHS negotiating and preparing transactional documents necessary for the legal transfer of HHSC’s management and operation of the Maui hospitals including: the transfer agreement, ground lease, transition services agreement, contract assignments, state and federal regulatory filings, and medical records custodian.
- ✚ Served as chief operating officer (COO) for HHSC. Primarily responsible for the transfer of HHSC’s management and operation of Maui hospitals to MHS, overseeing, facilitating consensus, problem-solving, and empowering a team of 30 subject matter experts in the areas of law, health information, electronic medical records, quality assurance, long term care, licensing, information technology systems and applications, data access, and the cutover of operations from HHSC to MHS on time, in compliance with federal and state law, and with no adverse events for patients or residents.
- ✚ As COO, responsible for supervision of the HHSC corporate compliance officer responsible for ensuring system-wide compliance with federal and state laws, regulations, and rules.

- ✦ Served as an executive team member in the attorney general's office responsible for overseeing the department's role in analyzing legislation introduced by the administration and legislators, facilitating collaboration between the attorney general's office with individual legislators and their staff, and developing and overseeing internal training programs.
- ✦ Served as the chief legislative liaison, public information officer, and special projects administrator in the department of the attorney general.

Government Affairs

- ✦ Developed excellent relationships with various subject matter experts in the state departments of health, human services, public safety, attorney general, human resources, commerce and consumer affairs, and state administrative agencies including the office of information practices and the ethics commission.
- ✦ Met regularly with legislators and administration officials to facilitate the passage of the administration's legislative agenda, including marriage equality and medical marijuana legislation.
- ✦ Directed and managed the legislative testimony submitted by the department of the attorney general.
- ✦ Created opportunities for collaborative processes between state departments and elected officials to review and improve legislation.
- ✦ Analyzed legislation and testimony for legal and constitutional concerns, policy impact, and political implications.
- ✦ Testified at legislative hearings on a number of bills.

Public Affairs

- ✦ Served as primary press contact for the attorney general, responding to questions from reporters and preparing news releases.

Work History

January 2021 - Present

- ✦ Vice President and General Counsel, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Honolulu, HI

May 2015 – December 31, 2020

- ✦ General Counsel, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Honolulu, HI

May 2015 - July 2017

- ✦ Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Honolulu, HI

January 2013 - April 2015

- ✦ Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General, Honolulu, HI

April 2005 - December 2012

- ✦ Transaction & Litigation Associate / Of Counsel, Chun Kerr, Dodd Beaman & Wong

September 2002 - April 2005

- ✦ Litigation Associate, Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, Honolulu, HI

September 2001 - August 2002

- ✦ Judicial Law Clerk, The Honorable Paula A. Nakayama, Hawaii Supreme Court, Honolulu HI

June 1999 - August 2000

- ✦ Summer Law Clerk, Dwyer, Imanaka, Kudo, Meyer & Fujimoto (1999) and at Kobayashi Sugita & Goda (2000), Honolulu, HI

April 1998 - August 1999

- ✦ Occupational Health Program Manager, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Honolulu, HI

October 1996 - February 1998

- ✦ Worksite Consultant, Medical Claims Management Services, Honolulu, HI

February 1995 - December 1997

- ✦ Owner & Operator, Worksite Consulting, , Compnet, Honolulu, HI

October 1993 - February 1995

- ✦ Manager of Occupational Health, Castle Medical Center, Kailua, HI

June 1989 - October 1993

- ✦ WorkStart Coordinator, HealthSouth Rehabilitation, Denver, CO

January 1985 - June 1989

- ✦ Staff Occupational Therapist, Bethesda PsychHealth Hospital, Denver, CO

Education

September 1998 - May 2001

- ✦ *Juris Doctorate - Summa cum Laude*
- ✦ Co-Editor in Chief - Law Review (2000-2001)
- ✦ William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, HI

September 1980 - May 1986

- ✦ Bachelor of Science; Varsity member of SJSU women's tennis team
- ✦ San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

Affiliations

2012 - Present

- ✦
- ✦ Board of Directors; Chair of Board Governance Committee - **10 years**
- ✦ Parents and Children Together

- ✦ Member Budget & Finance Committee - **10 years**
- ✦ Board Member - **2 years**
- ✦ Newtown Estates Community Association - **18 years**

Publication

- ✦ Co-Author - Retail Leasing, Hawaii Real Estate Law Manual, published by Hawaii State Bar Association, 2013