



William M. Kaneko

Stockholder / Director

Low profile, high impact. It's a successful approach for government relations attorney Bill Kaneko. Kaneko, whose law practice focuses on government relations and administrative law, is well-versed in the workings of Hawaii's government and business sectors, the legislative and regulatory process, as well as federal, state and city government agencies.

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For companies interested in entering Hawai'i, as well as established businesses seeking to reposition or strengthen their presence, Kaneko provides counsel on strategic planning, coalition building, lobbying and leveraging strategic relationships. His background in politics and public policy also brings into perspective the state's key issues, such as healthcare, energy, education, economic development and sustainability, as they relate to the client's interests.

Practice Areas

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- Strategic planning and development
- Interact with federal, state and city government agencies in Hawai'i
- Guidance through governmental and regulatory processes
- Design and implement community relations initiatives
- Create strategic networks and coalitions with community and corporate partners
- Lobbying, issues management and public advocacy
- Draft legislation and presenting testimony before legislative and administrative agencies

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

- Representation before federal, State and county government agencies

PUBLIC FINANCE LAW

- Provide counsel for the issuance of municipal bonds

Admitted to Practice

Hawai`i
U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai`i

Awards and Recognition

Best Lawyers in America® — *Government Relations Law (2009-Present)*
Honolulu Magazine Best Lawyers in Hawai`i — *Government Relations Law (2009-Present)*
U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General’s Award for Public Service
ACLU of Hawai`i Alan Saunders Award for Achievements in Civil Liberties
Japanese American Citizens League — *National JACLer of Biennium, Honolulu Chapter’s Distinguished Service Award*
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Trailblazer Award
University of Puget Sound Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree (LL.D) (2003)
CORO Foundation Fellowship in Public Affairs

Affiliations

Transition Director for Governor Neil Abercrombie (2010-2011)
Hawai`i Institute for Public Affairs Founder, President & CEO (2000-Present)
Asian Pacific Islander American Vote
Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP)
`Olelo Community Television
Mental Health Association of Hawai`i
Japanese American Citizens League
National Vice President (1990-1994)
Honolulu Chapter President (1990-1993)
University of Puget Sound National Alumni Board
Hawaii State Bar Association
American Bar Association
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Education

Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America (J.D.)
University of Puget Sound (B.A.)