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The relentless pursuit of excellent results and client satisfaction drives Janna Ahu's law practice. She concentrates her practice primarily in the areas of business disputes, commercial litigation, construction litigation, real estate law and civil rights.

Prior to joining AHFI, Janna served as a law clerk for the Honorable Gary W. B. Chang at the Hawaii First Circuit Court where she assisted with cases involving all types of civil litigation including business and contract disputes, employment disputes and land court and tax appeal issues. Her experience as a research assistant and scholar advocate for UH Law Professor Eric Yamamoto strengthened Janna's commitment to public interest cases to serve the marginalized members of our community, which led to her current involvement in several of the firm's complex civil rights suits.

Janna's civic leadership experience is deeply rooted in Hawaii's community. She served as the Patsy T. Mink Legislative Fellow for U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono in Washington, D.C. where she worked on simplifying the financial aid process for college students as well as advocating for establishing Gear Up programs in all of Hawaii's high schools.

Janna earned her J.D. (cum laude) from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 2016. She holds a B.A. (summa cum laude) in Psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She was born and raised in Hilo, Hawaii and graduated from Kamehameha Schools Hawaii in Kea'au.

Practice Areas

Litigation
Corporate and Business
Construction
Constitutional and Civil Rights
Environment, Cultural & Natural Resources
Native Hawaiian Rights
Employment Law
Real Estate and Title Litigation

Admitted to Practice

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

Affiliations

Hawaii State Bar Association

Education

- University of Hawaii at Manoa, William S. Richardson School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2016)
 - University of Hawaii at Manoa (B.A., summa cum laude, 2012)
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Past Positions

Hawaii First Circuit Court, Law Clerk to the Honorable Gary W.B. Chang (2016-2017)

William S. Richardson School of Law, Research Assistant to Professor Eric Yamamoto (2014-2015)

William S. Richardson School of Law, Scholar Advocate for Professor Eric Yamamoto (2014-2015)

Washington, D.C. Office of U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, Patsy T. Mink Legislative Fellow (2014)