

Practice

Family Law

Education

Indiana University, Mauer School of Law (J.D. 1974)

Indiana University, Political Science (B.A. 1972)

U.S. Army Judge Advocates General's School, Charlottesville, VA (1986)

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (1985)

Naval Justice School, Newport, RI (1981) Experienced local attorney Judith A. Schevtchuk has joined Damon Key in an Of Counsel affiliation effective May 1, 2013. She will be continuing her family law practice with the emphasis on military family law and guardianships of keiki and kupuna. She is the Chair of the firm's Family Law Practice Group.

Judy Schevtchuk (pronounced SEVT-chuk), advocates mediated and cooperative settlements wherever possible. Judy handles both traditional family law matters and dissolutions of civil unions and other alternative family arrangements for all members of our community regardless of the state where they entered their relationship. She is available for confidential consultations to discuss all aspects of divorce, adoption (domestic, international and step-parent), cohabitation and unmarried parenthood, child custody, the financial support of children and relocation. When part of another Family Court matter, Judy will also advise on domestic abuse restraining order proceedings. She also advises potential clients who want to investigate a guardianship for a special needs child, family member or others with medical or other conditions requiring sensitive arrangements for their personal care and financial support.

Prior to joining Damon Key, Judy had been a solo family law practitioner in Honolulu (1993-1995 and 1997-2013), was a Deputy Prosecutor and an associate at another Hawaii law firm. Judy retired (2001), as a Commander from the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Previously Judy had served on active duty with the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) in Washington, DC and with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California. After active duty, Judy became a civilian Special Agent in what is now the Naval Criminal Investigative Service at Port Hueneme and Point Mugu, California and later at NCIS headquarters in Washington DC. Judy jokes that she served with both "JAG" and "NCIS" before either of those organizations had become popular TV shows.

Born in Indiana, Judy graduated from Indiana University's Mauer School of Law at Bloomington and first came to Honolulu in 1989. Active as a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Judy is also a member of Hawaii Women Lawyers, and the Family Law Sections of both the Hawaii State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Hawaii State Bar Association (Family Law Section)
- American Bar Association (Family Law Section)
- Hawaii Women Lawyers

Bar Admissions

- Hawaii (1989)
- Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (1981)

Teaching Experience

- 1989-Present: Presented lectures/seminars on military and family law and domestic violence to professional groups
- 1986-1989: Visiting Faculty, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Georgia
- 1974-1976: Clinical Instructor, Indiana University, Fort Wayne, IN. Taught introductory police administration courses to classes ranging from 125-140 evening students
- 1970-1972: Associate Instructor, Indiana University Department of Sociology, Bloomington, IN. Taught seminar sections of basic sociology course to educationally disadvantaged freshmen

