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Practice

Business & Commercial Law

Employment

Immigration & Naturalization

Real Estate

Education

University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law (J.D. 2012)

University of Hawaii at Manoa, Economics (B.A. 2009)

Kelly Uwaine practices in all areas of Immigration Law, Business and Commercial Law, Real Estate, and Employment Law. She counsels foreign investors with navigating the process to start a business in Hawaii from entity formation to purchasing a business, to obtaining a work visa, and everything in between. She also assists clients with legal matters relating to family-based immigration, AAO and BIA appeals, non-immigration visas, and consular processing.

With a strong work ethic, Kelly offers personalized and prompt assistance to her clients. She has assisted many individuals in successfully obtaining their immigration status.

Kelly joined the firm as an Associate in 2012. She received her law degree from the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School Of Law, where she served as a member and Associate Articles Editor of the Asian Pacific Law & Policy Journal.

During law school, Kelly was a student board treasurer and community board member of the Advocates for Public Interest Law. She was a Chris Iijima Fellow at the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid, and a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. She also clerked in the offices of: United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, the Executive Office for Immigration Review – Honolulu Immigration Court, and the Appellate Section of the USDOJ's Office of Immigration Litigation in Washington, DC.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Kelly was a valedictorian graduate of Kalani High School and received a Regents Scholarship to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Kelly holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Economics and a minor in Music. Kelly currently lives in Kaimuki with her husband Clint and their dog Freddie.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Hawaii State Bar Association
 - Business Law Section
 - Employment Law Section
 - International Law Section
 - HSBA Leadership Institute Fellow 2017

- HSBA Committee: Delivery of Legal Services to the Public
 - American Bar Association
 - Business Law Section, Mergers and Acquisition Committee
 - Labor and Employment Law Section
 - Employment Rights and Responsibilities Committee
 - Covenants Not to Compete Subcommittee
 - International Law Section
- ABA Section of Labor & Employment, Section Development Fund Fellowship Recipient (2017-2020)
 - International Association of Korean Lawyers
 - Korean American Bar Association of Hawaii, President 2020-2021, Vice President 2017-2019, member of the 20th Anniversary Planning Committee
 - American Immigration Lawyers Association, Hawaii Chapter Vice Chair and Local USCIS Liason
 - American Immigration Lawyers Association National USCIS Field Operations Liaison Committee Member 2018-2019
 - Advocates for Public Interest Law (Community Board Treasurer)
 - Aloha United Way, Society of Young Leaders
 - Korean Chamber of Commerce
 - Shinka Hawaii, Hawaii United Okinawa Association
 - Hawaii Women Lawyers
 - NextGen Korean American Network
 - Appointment to the Hawaii Supreme Court Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts

